

# SLAVIC STUDIES: RUSSIAN LANGUAGE, LITERATURE, AND CULTURE, BALAS

for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts & Sciences Major in Slavic Studies, Russian Language, Literature, & Culture Concentration

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A Major Plan of Study Form must be completed and submitted to the LAS Student Affairs Office before the end of the fifth semester (60 - 75 hours). Study abroad courses may be substituted for major and minor requirements with approval of adviser.

**Departmental distinction:** Graduation with distinction may be earned by completion of one of the following two options:

- GPA in departmental courses of 3.75; or
- GPA in departmental courses of 3.50, plus successful completion of academic study trip to the region, documented by graded transcript. See a departmental adviser to work out details, preferably two semesters before graduation.

**General education:** Students must complete the Campus General Education (<https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/>) requirements including the campus general education language requirement.

**Minimum required major and supporting course work: equates to 30 hours including 6 hours in advanced language and 24 hours in literature and culture.**

**Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours.**

Code	Title	Hours
Language: A minimum of 6 hours beyond the second year of the Russian language: RUSS 301, 302 – Third-Year Russian I, II, or equivalent		6
Literature and Culture: A minimum of 24 hours is required in the following areas (RUSS 401 and 402- Fourth Year Russian I, II- can count toward the requirements of any category):		24
6 hours of Introductory Culture courses:		
RUSS 115	Intro to Russian Culture (and)	
Choose one of the following:		
REES 200	Intro to Russia and Eurasia	
RUSS 261	Introduction to Jewish Culture in the Russian Empire	
SLAV 117	Russ & E Euro Science Fiction	
SLAV 120	Russian & E Euro Folktales	

6 hours of Literature Survey courses: Two 200-level literature or cinema courses chosen in consultation with the Undergraduate Advisor from a list maintained in the Slavic Department.

12 hours of Upper-level (300- and 400-level) Literature and Culture courses chosen from the following:

Author Courses (6 hrs.):

RUSS 320	Russian Writers
RUSS 322	Dostoevsky
RUSS 323	Tolstoy
RUSS 325	Chekhov
RUSS 335	Nabokov

Literature and Culture Courses (6 hrs.):

Two 400-level literature or culture courses chosen in consultation with the Undergraduate Advisor from a list maintained in the Slavic Department.

Capstone Experience: All majors are required to complete a capstone course, project, or experience chosen from among the following: 0-3

(1) RUSS 493 Honors Senior Thesis (2 hrs); or

(2) a 300- or 400-level course in the Slavic Department in which a research project is undertaken; or

(3) Study abroad in the region.

Majors should consult with the Undergraduate Advisor to plan their capstone experience.

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## Sample Sequence

*This sample sequence is intended to be used only as a guide for degree completion. All students should work individually with their academic advisors to decide the actual course selection and sequence that works best for them based on their academic preparation and goals. Enrichment programming such as study abroad, minors, internships, and so on may impact the structure of this four-year plan. Course availability is not guaranteed during the semester indicated in the sample sequence.*

*Students must fulfill their Language Other Than English requirement by successfully completing a fourth level of a language other than English. See the corresponding section on the Degree and General Education Requirements page (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/>).*

## First Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
Free elective course		1 Literature and Culture Introductory Course	3
RUSS 115	3	General Education course	3
General Education course	3	Free elective course	3
Language Other than English (3rd level)	3	Language Other than English (4th level)	3

Composition I or General Education course	4 General Education course or Composition I	3
<b>14</b>		<b>15</b>

**Overview of College Admissions & Requirements:** Liberal Arts & Sciences  
(<http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/las/>)  
College of Liberal Arts & Sciences website (<https://las.illinois.edu/>)

**Second Year**

<b>First Semester</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Second Semester</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Literature Survey	3	Literature Survey	3
General Education course	3	General Education course	3
General Education course	3	General Education course	3
Free elective course	3	Free elective course	3
Free elective course	4	Free elective course	3
<b>16</b>		<b>15</b>	

**Third Year**

<b>First Semester</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Second Semester</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Advanced Literature and Culture	3	Advanced Literature and Culture	3
Russian Language Requirement	3	Russian Language Requirement	3
General Education course	3	Free elective course	3
General Education course	3	Free elective course	3
Free elective course	3	Free elective course	3
<b>15</b>		<b>15</b>	

**Fourth Year**

<b>First Semester</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Second Semester</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Advanced Literature and Culture	3	Advanced Literature and Culture	3
Free elective course	3	Free elective course	3
Free elective course	3	Free elective course	3
Free elective course	3	Free elective course	3
Capstone Experience	3	Free elective course	3
<b>15</b>		<b>15</b>	

**Total Hours 120**

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