

Major and Minor Requirements in Slavic

Any Barnard student interested in a Slavic major is encouraged to consult with a member of the faculty as early as possible, in order to determine the major track that will best serve her background and interests.

1. Russian Language and Literature:

- Completion of **four years** of the Russian language, or the equivalent (for those who place out of one or more semesters);

-OR- (for native or heritage speakers of Russian) at least **two** of the following courses:

- V3430** Russian for Heritage Speakers I
- V3431** Russian for Heritage Speakers II
- W3010** Masterpieces of 19th-Century Russian Literature
- W3340** Masterpieces of 20th-Century Russian Literature

-AND-

Six courses in Russian literature, to include:*

- V3220** Literature and Empire: The Reign of the Russian Novel (19th Century)
- V3221** Literature and Revolution: Tradition, Innovation, and Politics in Russian Culture (20th Century)
- plus **four** more courses
- in Russian literature...
- ...including at least **two** courses with
- required reading in Russian;

-AND-

- V3595** Senior Seminar (to be taken in the fall of the senior year). Students may complete a one-semester thesis in the Senior Seminar, or complete a 2-semester thesis by registering for an independent study the following spring.

** Other Russian literature courses may be substituted upon consultation with adviser. With permission of adviser, one course on Russia offered in a department other than Slavic may be substituted.*

2. Slavic and East European Literature and Culture:

- Completion of the **third-year** course (or the equivalent) in Czech, Polish, Serbo-Croatian, or Ukrainian language;
- Six courses** in
 - literature, theater
 - or film of the
 - region, potentially
 - including independent
 - study courses;
- One course** in the history of the region;
- One course** on the region in any related field (history, art history, music, etc.);
- Two semesters** of senior seminar or the equivalent leading to the completion of a senior thesis.

NOTE: *A student in this major must design her program in close consultation with her advisor in order to insure intellectual, disciplinary, and regional coherence.*

3. Russian Regional Studies:

- Completion of **four years** of the Russian language, or the equivalent (see Russian Language and Literature major, at left);
- Two courses** in Russian or Soviet **literature** (in translation or in Russian);
- Two courses** in Russian **history**;
- One course** in Soviet/post-Soviet **politics**;
- One course** on Russia or the Soviet Union in any discipline (history, art history, geography, sociology, economics, literature, political science, etc.);
- Two semesters** of a senior research seminar (or the equivalent in independent study), with research to be conducted primarily in Russian-language sources.

NOTE: *In consultation with her advisor, a student may elect to take one or more courses devoted to a region other than Russia that is located on the territory of the former Soviet Union.*

4. Slavic and East European Regional Studies

[Czech, Hungarian, Polish, Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian, or Ukrainian]

- Completion of the **third-year** course (or the equivalent) in Czech, Hungarian, Polish, Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian, or Ukrainian language.
- Two courses** in the appropriate national **literature** (in the original or in translation);
- Two courses** in Slavic/
East European **history**;
- One course** in Slavic/East European **politics**;
- One course** on the chosen region in any discipline (history, art history, geography, sociology, economics, literature, political science, etc.);
- Two semesters** of a senior research seminar (or the equivalent in independent study), with research to be conducted primarily in Slavic language sources.

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Requirements for the Russian minor:

A total of five courses beyond the second year of Russian are required.