Slavic and East European Studies

Degree Offered
• Bachelor of Arts

Nature of Program
The Slavic and East European Studies (SEES) interdisciplinary major offers an integrated approach to the study of the languages, cultures, history, geography, politics, economies, religions, and societies of Eastern Europe. This region includes: Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia, Croatia, Albania, Romania, and Moldova. The demand of government and the private sector for individuals specializing in this resurgent area of Europe has renewed in recent years, even as economic, political, and cultural changes have served to make Eastern Europe more accessible. The program incorporates diverse disciplines, language study, and study abroad to provide students with a deep as well as broad grasp of the region's past, present, and future.

Students who earn a degree in the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences must complete the University requirements, the College requirements for their specific degree program, and their major requirements.

Minors
All students have the possibility of earning one or more minors; view a list of all available minors and their requirements (http://catalog.wvu.edu/archivedcatalog/2013-2014/undergraduate/minors) here. Please note that students may not earn a minor in their major field.

Certificate of Global Engagement
Students in the Eberly College, regardless of their major, can earn a Certificate of Global Engagement. Completion of the Certificate demonstrates the student’s knowledge of diverse cultures, as well as the ability to communicate and interact effectively with people of different cultural background. Students will be required to apply their knowledge of contemporary issues and global social contexts to their course work and their broader citizenship. For details regarding Certificate requirements, please visit the Eberly College page (http://catalog.wvu.edu/archivedcatalog/2013-2014/undergraduate/eberlycollegeofartsandsciences/#otherdegreeext).

Career Goals
In today's increasingly global setting, business, diplomacy, and scholarship all benefit from a thorough knowledge of at least one foreign language and a familiarity with the culture, history, and economics of the region speaking that language. A major in SEES prepares students for further study in graduate or professional schools, as well as contributing background that may be applied to work in government, foreign service, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and international business or law.

Admission, Residency, and Other Requirements
There are no special requirements for direct admission into the SEES major, but once admitted students must achieve a minimum grade point average of 2.25, both overall and in the major. They must also satisfy University General Education Curriculum (GEC) and Eberly College of Arts and Sciences requirements and earn a total of 128 hours credit in order to graduate. Although study abroad is strongly encouraged, a student completing a major in SEES must fulfill a residency requirement by completing at least fifteen of the hours for the major on campus, excluding courses numbered 100, 101, 102, 200, 203, 204, and courses obtained through credit by examination.

Other Coursework/Second Majors/Minors
Students are strongly encouraged to work closely with the advisor and faculty in the SEES program to select related courses, second majors, and/or minors (such as international studies, Russian studies, foreign languages, history, political science, or economics) that will complement their work in SEES and lead to meaningful career options.

Faculty
Coordinator
• Lisa Di Bartolomeo - Ph.D. (University of North Carolina)

University Requirements
Students who would like for transfer credits to be applied to University requirements, (GEC, Writing, and Capstone), need to seek approval from the Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies (see ECAS Undergraduate webpages).
General Education Curriculum

Every student at West Virginia University has to fulfill the requirements for the General Education Curriculum. The main purpose of this curriculum is to ensure that all of graduates are exposed to a variety of fields, as described in the nine GEC Objectives. Please read the full description of the GEC and of the policies that govern it; a list of all the courses that meet all the various GEC Objectives can be found on the Office of the University Registrar.

Students are strongly encouraged to work with their advisers to select GEC courses that may broaden and strengthen their interest in their major field. GEC courses can also be used to explore new areas to which students have not yet been exposed.

Other Content

General Education Curriculum

Please use this link to view a list of courses that meet each GEC requirement. (http://registrar.wvu.edu/current_students/general_education_curriculum)

NOTE: Some major requirements will fulfill specific GEC requirements. Please see the curriculum requirements listed below for details on which GEC’s you will need to select.

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Writing Course

Objective 1 of the General Education Curriculum (GEC) requires the successful completion of a writing course (“W”), preferably in the major. All students must successfully complete at least one course that requires substantial writing assignments and in which the grade is partially determined by writing skills. English 102 or 103 must be completed before fulfilling the writing course requirement.

Students who have several majors only need to complete one W course, unless the W course is part of the requirements for the major.

Writing courses at WVU are carefully crafted by faculty and are based on the principle of process writing. Transfer courses usually do not fulfill the writing requirement. However, in exceptional cases, students can petition the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies to a transfer course approved for GEC. Students will need to provide evidence of process writing.

List of writing courses (http://registrar.wvu.edu/current_students/writing) . Not all courses listed are offered every semester as writing courses; students must register for the W section only of the course that fulfills the writing requirement

Capstone Experience

The capstone experience is defined as an academic experience in which students demonstrate, in a significant project that has both an oral and a written component, their abilities to gather information, to think critically, to integrate the theoretical and/or practical knowledge that they acquired throughout their undergraduate careers, and to reflect on the ethical issues that are implicit in their projects.

Students completing several majors need to complete one Capstone course per major. Because of their unique concept, Capstone courses can never be transferred from another institution, including study abroad. View a list of current capstone courses (http://catalog.wvu.edu/undergraduate/eberlycollegeofartsandsciences/slavicandeasteuropeanstudies/20http://registrar.wvu.edu/current_students/capstone_courses) here .
College Requirements

Students who would like for transfer credits to be applied to the College B.A. requirements need to seek approval from the Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies.

Bachelors of Arts Requirements

Students must complete WVU General Education Curriculum requirements, College B.A. requirements, major requirements, and electives to total 128 hours. Please see the following link for details on B.A. requirements (http://catalog.wvu.edu/archivedcatalog/2013-2014/undergraduate/ebrycollegeofartsandsciences/#bachelorofartstext) :

1. Foreign Language: Completion of level 204 (fourth semester in addition to those used to fulfill any GEC requirement)

2. International Studies: Completion of a course that meets GEC Objective 9 (non-western cultures) will fulfill this requirement.

3. Fine Arts: Completion of a course that meets GEC Objective 5 (artistic expression) will fulfill this requirement.

4. Grade Point Average: A cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required for graduation.

5. Individual department requirements may be more directive than the College's core B.A. requirements so long as those requirements are met.

There is a forty-two hour limit on the number of hours students may earn in one subject toward the 128 credits required for graduation. Credit earned above forty-two may not count toward the required 128 credits. If students exceed this limit, they will graduate with an excess of 128 hours.

Program Requirements for the B.A. in SEES

Students majoring in SEES are required to complete a minimum of thirty-six hours of coursework, of which the following are required:

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FCLT 380  Holocaust: East Europe Film/Lit
FCLT 381  Contemporary Polish Cinema
FCLT 382  Polish Cinema: Kieslowski

Select one of the following:

FLIT 256  Russian Literature Transltn 1
FLIT 257  Russian Literature Transltn 2
FCLT 250  Russian Fairy Tales
FCLT 280  SciFi: East/West
FCLT 281  Vampire: Blood and Revolution
FCLT 380  Holocaust: East Europe Film/Lit
FCLT 381  Contemporary Polish Cinema
FCLT 382  Polish Cinema: Kieslowski

Or other culture course

Electives

Additional language courses other than Russian
ECON 453  Economic Transition in Europe
ECON 454  Comparative Economic Systems
HIST 417  World War II in Europe
HIST 418  Eastern Europe since 1945
HIST 419  Revolutionary Russia: 1900-1953
or HIST 420  USSR and After: 1953-Present

Additional FLIT/FCLT courses from the list above.

SEES Capstone

SEES 497A  Research: Capstone

GENERAL ELECTIVES

Number of elective may vary depending on overlap

Total Hours 128

Credit may also be obtained through study abroad, credit by exam, or by successful completion of approved special topics courses.

Slavic & East European Studies Minor

Minor Code - U077

The minor in Slavic and East European studies is an interdisciplinary program recognizing students’ successful completion of coursework focusing on the languages, culture, history, politics, economies, and religions of Eastern Europe with award of an academic minor. Students must take eighteen hours:

A grade of C or higher must be earned in all minor courses

Foundation Course

SEES 101  Intro Slavic/East Europe Study

Language Courses

Six hours of Russian (300 level or above)
or six hours of a SEES-related language at any level

Electives

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A maximum of three hours of upper-division RUSS courses, in addition to the language hours under Language Courses above, may be counted toward the minor. Students must earn a grade of C or higher in courses for them to be applied to the SEES minor.