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/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 backgrounds. 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/undergraduate/eberlycollegeofartsandsciences/#otherdegreeextext).

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 Foundations (GEF) and Eberly College of Arts and Sciences requirements and earn a total of 120 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)

Freshmen are admitted directly into the SEES major. Students admitted from the Center for Learning, Advising, and Student Success or another major must have a 2.0 overall GPA, and have completed a minimum of one related-language course with at least a C- (*language courses do not include FCLT, FLIT, LANG, LING). Please see an adviser for details.
Benchmark Expectations

By the end of the second year in the major, students should have completed RUSS (or other language) 204 and LING 311. Students must retain a 2.25 GPA in courses that count toward the major by their Junior year. All majors must meet with an SEES adviser each semester. Students who do not meet these benchmarks may be removed from the major.

Click here to view the Suggested Plan of Study (p. 4)

GENERAL EDUCATION FOUNDATIONS

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

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

General Education Foundations

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F2A/F2B - Science & Technology | 4-6
F3 - Math & Quantitative Skills | 3-4
F4 - Society & Connections | 3
F5 - Human Inquiry & the Past | 3
F6 - The Arts & Creativity | 3
F7 - Global Studies & Diversity | 3
F8 - Focus (may be satisfied by completion of a minor, double major, or dual degree) | 9

Total Hours | 31-37

Please note that not all of the GEF courses are offered at all campuses. Students should consult with their advisor or academic department regarding the GEF course offerings available at their campus.

Degree Requirements

Students must complete WVU General Education Foundations requirements, College B.A. requirements, major requirements, and electives to total a minimum of 120 hours. For complete details on these requirements, visit the B.A. Degrees tab on the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences page (http://catalog.wvu.edu/undergraduate/eberrlycollegeofartsandsciences/#bachelorofartstext).

Program Requirements for the B.A. in Slavic and Eastern European Studies

- **Capstone Requirement:** The university requires the successful completion of a Capstone course. Students in the SEES program must successfully pass SEES 497A.

- **Writing and Communication Skills Requirement:** Slavic and East European Studies Bachelor of Arts students fulfill the Writing and Communication Skills requirement by completing ENGL 101 and ENGL 102 (or ENGL 103), and at least two additional SpeakWrite Certified Courses™ selected from: SEES 497A, RUSS 301, RUSS 302, RUSS 303, RUSS 304, RUSS 331, RUSS 332, RUSS 340, RUSS 341, RUSS 342, RUSS 451, FCLT 250, FCLT 280, FCLT 281, FCLT 380, FCLT 381, FCLT 382, FLIT 256, FLIT 257.

- **Calculation of the GPA in the Major:** Students must earn a 2.25 GPA in all courses applied to the SEES major. A grade of C- or above must be earned in all courses applied to the SEES major. If a course is repeated, all attempts will be included in the calculation of the GPA unless the course is eligible for a D/F repeat.

- **Residency Requirement:** Students completing a major in world languages/world language studies at WVU must fulfill a residency requirement by completing at least fifteen credit hours on campus in their area of study, excluding courses numbered 101, 102, 200, 203, 204, 493, and courses obtained through credit by examination.

- **Benchmarks Expectations:** For details, go to the Slavic and East European Studies admission tab (p. 1).

Foundations Requirements

**UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS**

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GEF: number of credits will vary depending on overlap
### ECAS B.A. Requirement
- Foreign Language
- Fine Arts Requirement
- Global Studies and Diversity Requirement

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

#### Foundation Course:
- **SEES 101**  
  Introduction to Slavic and Eastern European Studies

#### Language Requirement
- Six hours from either 300-level Russian, or another SEES-approved language at any level.

#### Economics
- **ECON 453**  
  Economic Transition in Europe (Pre-req is ECON 201 and ECON 202)
  or **ECON 454**  
  Comparative Economic Systems

#### History Requirement
- **HIST 417**  
  World War II in Europe
- **HIST 418**  
  Eastern Europe Since 1945
- **HIST 217**  
  History of Russia to 1917
- **HIST 218**  
  History of Russia: 1900-Present
- **HIST 417**  
  World War II in Europe
- **HIST 418**  
  Eastern Europe Since 1945
- **HIST 419**  
  Revolutionary Russia: 1900-1953
- **HIST 420**  
  USSR and After: 1953 to Present

#### FLIT/FCLT Requirement
- Select one from the following:
  - **FCLT 281**  
    Vampire: Blood and Revolution
  - **FCLT 380**  
    Holocaust: Eastern Europe Film and Literature
  - **FCLT 381**  
    Contemporary Polish Cinema
  - **FCLT 382**  
    Polish Cinema: Kieslowski
- Select one from the following:
  - **FLIT 256**  
    Russian Literature Translation 1
  - **FLIT 257**  
    Russian Literature Translation 2
  - **FCLT 250**  
    Russian Fairy Tales
  - **FCLT 280**  
    Science Fiction: East and West
  - **FCLT 281**  
    Vampire: Blood and Revolution
  - **FCLT 380**  
    Holocaust: Eastern Europe Film and Literature
  - **FCLT 381**  
    Contemporary Polish Cinema
  - **FCLT 382**  
    Polish Cinema: Kieslowski
- Other culture course with approval from adviser

#### Electives
- **ECON 453**  
  Economic Transition in Europe
- **ECON 454**  
  Comparative Economic Systems
- **HIST 417**  
  World War II in Europe
- **HIST 418**  
  Eastern Europe Since 1945
- **POLS 351**  
  Russian and Post-Soviet Politics

  Additional FLIT/FCLT courses from the list above.

  Additional language courses other than Russian

#### Capstone Experience
- **SEES 497A**  
  Research: Capstone

#### GENERAL ELECTIVES
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Number of elective may vary depending on overlap

Total Hours 120

Suggested Plan of Study

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* Students completing a minor, a second major or a dual degree satisfy F 8

**Major Learning Goals**

**SLAVIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES**

Upon successful completion of the B.A. degree, *Slavic and East European Studies* majors will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a basic understanding of the political, historical, and cultural structures that define the region of Eastern Europe through formal and informal writing assignments, oral presentations, and other assessment tools.

2. Explain, in written and spoken form, the challenges that globalization presents to the region from economic, political, and cultural perspectives.

3. Describe the historical and cultural contexts that led to the formation of contemporary Eastern Europe as a region.

4. Identify and differentiate the characteristics of the languages and cultures of the region.
5. Analyze the similarities and differences between the cultures of the nations and sub-regions in Eastern Europe and the historical origins that led to these similarities and differences.

**SLAVIC & EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES MINOR**

**MINOR CODE - U077**

Students must earn a grade of C or better in all courses applied to the minor. In addition to the language hours under "Language Courses," a maximum of 3 credit hours RUSS may be counted as an upper-division elective.

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**LANGUAGE COURSES:**

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