

BA with a Major in Polish, Russian, and Central and Eastern European Studies

Degree Requirements

To earn a Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Sciences degree from UIC, students must complete university, college, and departmental degree requirements. The Department of Polish, Russian, and Lithuanian Studies degree requirements are outlined below. Students should consult the *College of Liberal Arts and Sciences* section for additional degree requirements and college academic policies.

Note: Students who select the Concentration in Polish Studies and have a GPA of 3.00 or higher are eligible to apply for the Dr. Bolesław and Krystyna Mazur Scholarships in Undergraduate Polish Studies.

Code	Title	Hours
Summary of Requirements		
Major Requirements		27
General Education and Electives to reach Minimum Total Hours		93
Total Hours		120

General Education

See *General Education and Writing-in-the-Discipline* in the *College of Liberal Arts and Sciences* section for information on meeting these requirements.

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
Select one of the following:		4
POL 104	Intermediate Polish II ^a	
RUSS 104	Intermediate Russian II ^b	
LITH 104	Intermediate Lithuanian II	
Note: Students in the Polish and Russian Studies concentrations must take POL 104 and RUSS 104, respectively. Students pursuing the Concentration in Central and Eastern European Studies may take POL 104, RUSS 104, or LITH 104.		
Select one of the following:		3
CEES 224	Introduction to Literary Analysis of Central Eastern European Texts ^c	
CEES 225	Introduction to Central and Eastern European Cultures ^{c,d}	
In addition, students must complete 20 semester hours from one of the following concentrations:		20
Concentration in Polish Studies		
Concentration in Russian Studies		
Concentration in Central and European Studies		
Total Hours		27

- Native and heritage speakers who place out of POL 104 should register for POL 201. Please consult an LAS advisor for eligibility for retroactive credit after completion of POL 201.
- Native and heritage speakers who place out of RUSS 104 should register for RUSS 201. Please consult an LAS advisor for eligibility for retroactive credit after completion of RUSS 201.
- CEES 224 and CEES 225 fulfill the LAS Writing-in-the-Discipline requirement.
- If a student takes both CEES 224 and CEES 225, one of these courses may count toward the 20 semester hours required for the concentration.

Concentrations

Code	Title	Hours
Concentration in Polish Studies		
Required Courses ^a		
20 hours of course work in Polish Studies at the 100, 200, 300, or 400 level ^b		20
Recommended Courses:		
POL 201	Advanced Polish through Media and Film	
POL 202	Advanced Polish through Contemporary Culture	
POL 203	Advanced Polish through Short Stories	
Concentration in Russian Studies		
Required Courses ^a		
20 hours of course work in Russian Studies at the 100, 200, 300, or 400 level ^c		20
Recommended Courses		
RUSS 201	Advanced Russian through Media and Film	
RUSS 202	Advanced Russian through Contemporary Culture	
RUSS 203	Advanced Russian through Short Stories	
Concentration in Central and Eastern European Studies		
Required Courses ^a		
20 hours of course work selected from the following:		20
Any CEES course at the 200, 300, and 400 level ^d		
Any Polish course ^b		
Any Russian course ^c		
HIST/JST 117	Understanding the Holocaust	
HIST 137	Russia in War and Revolution, 1904-1922	
HIST 233	East Central Europe and the Balkans: From Empires to Nation-States	
HIST/POLS 234	History of Poland	
HIST 235	The Rise and Fall of Communism in Eastern Europe	
HIST 236	Russia Between Europe and Asia: Eurasian Spaces and Peoples in the Premodern Era	
HIST 237	The Russian Empire in the Modern Period: History, Culture and the Challenges of Diversity	
HIST 238	Russia from Vladimir Lenin to Vladimir Putin	
HIST/RUSS 239	Twentieth-Century Russia in Film	
LITH 115	Lithuanian Culture	

LITH 130	Lithuanian Prose Fiction in International Context
LITH 221	Lithuanian Literature I
LITH 222	Lithuanian Literature II
LITH 230	Lithuanian Literature Abroad
JST 123	Introduction to Yiddish Culture and Literature
JST 296	Topics in Jewish Studies
JST 394	Topics in Jewish Studies
JST 410	Advanced Studies in Jewish Literature, Art and Culture
LCSL 391	Internship in Global Studies
LCSL 392	Internship in Global Engagement and Public Humanities

- a A maximum of three semester hours in History (including crosslisted courses) may count toward required course work.
- b No more than 6 semester hours may be completed at the 100 level, and excluding POL 101, POL 102, POL 103, and POL 104. Polish courses cross-listed with the Department of History and CEES topics courses that focus on Polish Studies may be used to fulfill this requirement with approval of the departmental advisor.
- c No more than 6 semester hours may be completed at the 100 level, and excluding RUSS 101, RUSS 102, RUSS 103, and RUSS 104. Russian courses cross-listed with the Department of History and CEES topics courses that focus on Russian Studies may be used to fulfill this requirement with approval of the departmental advisor.
- d A minimum of 9 semester hours must be completed in CEES courses for the concentration in Central and Eastern European Studies.

Recommended Plan of Study

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall Semester		
ENGL 160	Academic Writing I: Writing in Academic and Public Contexts	3
POL 101 or RUSS 101 or LITH 101	Elementary Polish I ^a or Elementary Russian I or Elementary Lithuanian I	4
General Education Requirement course		3-5
Quantitative Reasoning course		3-5
Hours		13-17
Spring Semester		
ENGL 161	Academic Writing II: Writing for Inquiry and Research	3
POL 102 or RUSS 102 or LITH 102	Elementary Polish II ^a or Elementary Russian II or Elementary Lithuanian II	4
General Education Requirement course		4-5
General Education Requirement course		3
Hours		14-15

Second Year		
Fall Semester		
POL 103 or RUSS 103 or LITH 103	Intermediate Polish I ^a or Intermediate Russian I or Intermediate Lithuanian I	4
Concentration course		3
General Education Requirement course		3-5
General Education Requirement course		3
Elective		3
Hours		16-18

Spring Semester		
POL 104 or RUSS 104 or LITH 104	Intermediate Polish II or Intermediate Russian II or Intermediate Lithuanian II	4
Concentration course ^b		3
General Education Requirement course		3
General Education Requirement course		3
Elective		3
Hours		16

Third Year		
Fall Semester		
CEES 224 or CEES 225	Introduction to Literary Analysis of Central Eastern European Texts or Introduction to Central and Eastern European Cultures	3
Concentration course		3
General Education Requirement course		3
General Education Requirement course/Elective		3
Elective		3
Hours		15

Spring Semester		
Concentration course		3
General Education Requirement course/Elective		3
Electives		9
Hours		15

Fourth Year		
Fall Semester		
Concentration course(s) ^b		3-6
Electives		13
Hours		16-19
Spring Semester		
Concentration course		3
Concentration course		3
Electives		9
Hours		15
Total Hours		120

a 101, 102, and 103 basic language courses do not count toward the major requirements.

b CEES 224 and CEES 225 satisfy the Writing-in-the-Discipline requirement.