

# Department of Polish, Russian, and Lithuanian Studies

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The Department of Polish, Russian, and Lithuanian Studies offers language courses in Polish, Russian, and Lithuanian at the elementary, intermediate, and advanced levels. The undergraduate program develops language literacy skills and cultural competency in the regions of study.

Within the Bachelor of Arts with the Major in Polish, Russian, and Central and Eastern European Studies, the department offers concentrations in Polish Studies, Russian Studies, and Central and Eastern European Studies. Minors in Polish Studies, Russian Studies, and Central and Eastern European Studies are also offered.

A major in Polish, Russian, and Central and Eastern European Studies prepares students for informed global citizenship and for a variety of careers, including law, teaching, translation, international business, journalism, diplomacy, the armed forces, national security agencies, publishing, tourism, and work in cultural centers such as libraries and museums. In addition, students pursuing careers in the health professions gain sought-after linguistic and cultural competency skills in Polish, Russian, or Lithuanian.

## Degree Programs

The Department of Polish, Russian, and Lithuanian Studies (PRLS) offers the degree of BA with a Major in Polish, Russian, and Central and Eastern European Studies. Each student electing the PRLS major or double-major will select a concentration in either Polish, Russian, or Central and Eastern European Studies (CEES), and work with an advisor to design a course of study accordingly.

## Minors

A minor is offered by PRLS in three separate fields of study:

- Minor in Polish Studies
- Minor in Russian Studies
- Minor in Central and Eastern European Studies

## Distinction

Departmental Distinction requires a 3.50/4.00 GPA in all department lower-division courses and a 3.75/4.00 GPA in all department upper-division courses taken.

## Degree Programs

- BA with a Major in Polish, Russian, and Central and Eastern European Studies (<http://catalog.uic.edu/ucate/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/slav/ba-polish-russian-cees>)

## Minors

- Minor in Central and Eastern European Studies (<http://catalog.uic.edu/ucate/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/slav/minor-cees>)
- Minor in Russian Studies (<http://catalog.uic.edu/ucate/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/slav/minor-russ>)
- Minor in Polish Studies (<http://catalog.uic.edu/ucate/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/slav/minor-pol>)