**POLISH, B.A.**

Elementary courses in Russian and Polish are designed to meet the needs of students who begin to study the language in college as well as those who began to study the language in high school. One unit (year) of high school coursework is roughly equivalent to one semester of college work; all incoming students, however, who want to continue their study of Russian or Polish are assigned to courses on the basis of placement tests. These tests may admit a student to a more advanced course, but give no credit toward graduation. Students should speak with their instructor regarding retroactive credits during the first week of class.

**HOW TO GET IN**

To declare a major in Polish, students should make an appointment with the undergraduate advisor (atumarki@wisc.edu), or call 608-262-3498.

**REQUIREMENTS**

**UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

All undergraduate students at the University of Wisconsin–Madison are required to fulfill a minimum set of common university general education requirements to ensure that every graduate acquires the essential core of an undergraduate education. This core establishes a foundation for living a productive life, being a citizen of the world, appreciating aesthetic values, and engaging in lifelong learning in a continually changing world. Various schools and colleges will have requirements in addition to the requirements listed below. Consult your advisor for assistance, as needed. For additional information, see the university Undergraduate General Education Requirements [section of the Guide](http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatetext).

**General Education**

- **Breadth—Humanities/Literature/Arts**: 6 credits
- **Breadth—Natural Science**: 4 to 6 credits, consisting of one 4- or 5-credit course with a laboratory component; or two courses providing a total of 6 credits
- **Breadth—Social Studies**: 3 credits
- **Communication Part A & Part B**
- **Ethnic Studies**
- **Quantitative Reasoning Part A & Part B**

* The mortarboard symbol appears before the title of any course that fulfills one of the Communication Part A or Part B, Ethnic Studies, or Quantitative Reasoning Part A or Part B requirements.

**L&S Breadth**

- **Humanities, 12 credits**: 6 of the 12 credits must be in literature
- **Social Sciences, 12 credits**
- **Natural Sciences, 12 credits**: must include one 3+ credit course in the biological sciences; must include one 3+ credit course in the physical sciences

**Depth of Intermediate/Advanced work**

- **60 intermediate or advanced credits**

**Major**

- **Declare and complete at least one (1) major**

**Total Credits**

- **120 credits**

**UW-Madison Experience**

- **30 credits in residence, overall**
- **30 credits in residence after the 90th credit**

**Minimum**

- **2,000 in all coursework at UW-Madison**
- **2,000 in intermediate/advanced coursework at UW-Madison**

**NON-L&S STUDENTS PURSING AN L&S MAJOR**

Non–L&S students who have permission from their school/college to pursue an additional major within L&S **only need to fulfill the major requirements** and do not need to complete the L&S breadth and degree requirements above. Please note that the following special degree programs are not considered majors so are not available to non–L&S degree-seeking candidates:

- **Applied Mathematics, Engineering and Physics (Bachelor of Science—Applied Mathematics, Engineering and Physics)**
- **Journalism (Bachelor of Arts—Journalism; Bachelor of Science—Journalism)**
- **Music (Bachelor of Music)**
- **Social Work (Bachelor of Social Work)**

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR**

**Code** | **Title** | **Credits**
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1. | The Polish major requires 9 credits in Polish-language courses above Fourth Semester Polish (SLAVIC 208) taken from: | 9
SLAVIC 277  Third Year Polish I
SLAVIC 278  Third Year Polish II
SLAVIC 331  Fourth Year Polish I
SLAVIC 332  Fourth Year Polish II

2. 6 credits in Polish literature in translation:
   LITTRANS 215  Polish Literature in Translation: 14th to the Mid-19th Century
   LITTRANS 473  Polish Literature (in Translation) since 1863

3. 9 credits in literature in the original language and culture and area studies:
   SLAVIC 302  Zarys historii literatury polskiej
   SLAVIC 245  Topics in Slavic Literatures
   SLAVIC/GEOG/HISTORY/POLI SCI 254  Eastern Europe: An Interdisciplinary Survey
   SLAVIC 308  Polish Culture and Area Studies on Study Abroad
   SLAVIC/FOLKLORE 444  Slavic and East European Folklore
   LITTRANS 229  Representation of the Jew in Eastern European Cultures
   LITTRANS 241  Literatures and Cultures of Eastern Europe
   LITTRANS 247  Topics in Slavic Literatures in Translation
   HISTORY 425  History of Poland and the Baltic Area

Total Credits 24

1  LITTRANS 471 Polish Literature (in Translation), Middle Ages to 1863 or SLAVIC 470 Historia literatury polskiej do roku 1863 can also count toward Literature in Translation in place of LITTRANS 215 Polish Literature in Translation: 14th to the Mid-19th Century
2  SLAVIC 472 Historia literatury polskiej po roku 1863 can also count toward Literature in Translation in place of LITTRANS 473 Polish Literature (in Translation) since 1863
3  Other courses related to Poland may count, with the approval of the advisor, including courses taken abroad on Polish history, society, politics, economy and so forth.
4  SLAVIC 302 Zarys historii literatury polskiej is taught in Polish.
5  SLAVIC 245 Topics in Slavic Literatures and LITTRANS 247 Topics in Slavic Literatures in Translation are topics courses and the topic must be approved by the advisor for the Polish major for credit toward the major.

L&S RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

2.000 GPA in all courses counting in the major
2.000 GPA on 15 upper-level major credits taken in residence
15 credits in the major taken on the UW–Madison campus

4 Upper-Level Courses

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DISTINCTION IN THE MAJOR IN POLISH

With the permission of the Polish honors advisor (atumarki@wisc.edu), students who are not in any of the honors programs may work toward Distinction in the Major in Polish. Distinction in the Major may be granted for any student who has a 3.500 grade point average in the major, and who has submitted an acceptable senior thesis.

HONORS IN THE MAJOR

Students may declare Honors in the Polish Major in consultation with the Polish Honors Advisor (atumarki@wisc.edu).

HONORS IN THE POLISH MAJOR: REQUIREMENTS

To earn Honors in the Major in Polish, students must satisfy both the requirements for the major (above) and the following additional requirements:

- Earn a 3.300 overall university GPA
- Complete 15 credits in SLAVIC, taken for Honors, with individual course grades of B or better, to include:
  - 9 credits above SLAVIC 208 Fourth Semester Polish, chosen from the following list:

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• A two-semester Senior Honors Thesis in SLAVIC 681 Senior Honors Thesis and SLAVIC 682 Senior Honors Thesis, for a total of 6 credits.

1 This requirement may be waived for students who take some of these courses while studying abroad in Poland.

UNIVERSITY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Total Degree To receive a bachelor’s degree from UW–Madison, students must earn a minimum of 120 degree credits. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 degree credits. Students should consult with their college or department advisor for information on specific credit requirements.

Residency Degree candidates are required to earn a minimum of 30 credits in residence at UW–Madison. "In residence" means on the UW–Madison campus with an undergraduate degree classification. "In residence" credit also includes UW–Madison courses offered in distance or online formats and credits earned in UW–Madison Study Abroad/Study Away programs.

Quality of Work Undergraduate students must maintain the minimum grade point average specified by the school, college, or academic program to remain in good academic standing. Students whose academic performance drops below these minimum thresholds will be placed on academic probation.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. (Polish language proficiency) Develop speaking, listening, writing, and reading skills and integrate these skills to communicate in Polish in a variety of social situations.

2. Develop and apply writing skills and oral communication skills appropriate to liberal arts education in the context of Slavic studies.

3. Develop and apply critical thinking skills inherent in the liberal arts tradition in the context of Slavic studies.

4. Analyze and interpret works of literature in themselves and in the context of specific historical and cultural conditions.

5. Demonstrate insight into Polish culture and civilization and apply this knowledge across disciplines such as history, political science, the arts, geography, business, economics, sociology, the sciences, gender studies, philosophy, law, folklore.

ADVISING AND CAREERS

For advising in Russian or Polish contact our Russian and Polish undergraduate advisor Anna Tumarkin (atumarki@wisc.edu).

For placement in Russian contact Anna Tumarkin (atumarki@wisc.edu).

For placement in Polish contact Ewa Miernowska (miernows@wisc.edu).

For information on the Russian Flagship Program contact Laura Weigel (lweigel@wisc.edu) or visit the program page (https://russianflagship.wisc.edu).

For other undergraduate concerns, please contact our undergraduate coordinator:

Bridget Sutton, Undergraduate Coordinator
undergrad@gns.wisc.edu
608-262-2090
1306 Van Hise

For additional career advising, please contact:

SuccessWorks at the College of Letters & Science
711 State Street, Suite 300
Madison, WI 53703
608-262-3921
SuccessWorks@ls.wisc.edu

L&S CAREER RESOURCES

SuccessWorks at the College of Letters & Science helps students leverage the academic skills learned in their major, certificates, and liberal arts degree; explore and try out different career paths; participate in internships; prepare for the job search and/or graduate school applications; and network with professionals in the field (alumni and employers).

SuccessWorks can also assist students in career advising, résumé and cover letter writing, networking opportunities, and interview skills, as well as course offerings for undergraduates to begin their career exploration early in their undergraduate career.

• SuccessWorks (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu)
• Set up a career advising appointment (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment)
• INTER-LS 210 L&S Career Development: Taking Initiative (1 credit, targeted to first- and second-year students)—for more information, see Inter-LS 210: Career Development, Taking Initiative (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/inter-ls-210-career-development-taking-initiative)
• Learn how we’re transforming career preparation: L&S Career Initiative (http://ls.wisc.edu/lsci)

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