POLISH, B.A.

Elementary courses in 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 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. However, retroactive credits can be granted in recognition of previous language study. 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.

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 (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatetestudytext) section of the Guide.

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.

College of Letters & Science Breadth and Degree Requirements: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

Students pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in the College of Letters & Science must complete all of the requirements below. The College of Letters & Science allows this major to be paired with either a bachelor of arts or a bachelor of science curriculum. View a comparison of the degree requirements here. (https://pubs.wisc.edu/home/archives/ug15/images/babs2009.pdf)

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Mathematics

Fulfilled with completion of University General Education requirements Quantitative Reasoning a (QR A) and Quantitative Reasoning b (QR B) coursework. Please note that some majors may require students to complete additional math coursework beyond the B.A. mathematics requirement.

Foreign Language

- Complete the fourth unit of a foreign language; OR
  - Complete the third unit of a foreign language and the second unit of an additional foreign language

Note: A unit is one year of high school work or one semester/term of college work.

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

Liberal Arts and Science Coursework

- 108 credits
- 60 intermediate or advanced credits

Depth of Intermediate/Advanced work

- Major: Declare and complete at least one (1) major
- Total Credits: 120 credits
- UW-Madison Experience: 30 credits in residence, overall
- Minimum: 2,000 in all coursework at UW–Madison
- GPAs: 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

The Polish major requires study of the Polish language, Polish literature in translation, Polish literature in the original language, as well as culture and area studies, as detailed below:
Polish Language (complete three courses): 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

Polish Literature in Translation (complete one course from each group): 6

LITTRANS 215 Polish Literature in Translation: 14th to the Mid-19th Century
or LITTRANS 471 Polish Literature in Translation, Middle Ages to 1863
or SLAVIC 470 Historia literatury polskiej do roku 1863

LITTRANS 218 Polish Literature in Translation: Late 19th and 20th Centuries
or LITTRANS 473 Polish Literature in Translation since 1863
or SLAVIC 472 Historia literatury polskiej po roku 1863

Polish Literature in the Original Language and Culture & Area Studies: 9

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 Other courses related to Poland may count, with the approval of the advisor, including courses taken abroad on Polish history, society, politics, economy, etc.
2 SLAVIC 302 is taught in Polish.
3 SLAVIC 245 and LITTRANS 247 are topics courses; the topic must be approved by the advisor for the Polish major for credit toward the major.

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

Upper-Level Courses in the Major
The following courses are upper-level in the Polish major:

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

With the permission of the Polish advisor, students who are not in any of the honors programs may work toward Distinction in the Major. 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.

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.

FOUR-YEAR PLAN

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ADVISING AND CAREERS

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

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For other undergraduate concerns, please contact our undergraduate coordinator:

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For additional career advising, please contact:

SuccessWorks at the College of Letters & Science
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). In short, SuccessWorks helps students in the College of Letters & Science discover themselves, find opportunities, and develop the skills they need for success after graduation.

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.

Students should set up their profiles in Handshake (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/handshake) to take care of everything they need to explore career events, manage their campus interviews, and apply to jobs and internships from 200,000+ employers around the country.

- 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)
- INTER-LS 215 Communicating About Careers (3 credits, fulfills Com B General Education Requirement)
- Handshake (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/handshake)
- Learn how we’re transforming career preparation: L&S Career Initiative (http://ls.wisc.edu/lsci)

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