

POLISH, B.A.

Polish is the most commonly spoken Slavic language of the European Union and the second largest Slavic language in the world, with over 50 million users across the globe. Polish culture has a remarkably rich tradition, shaped by a millennium of artistic and intellectual innovation as well as struggles for political, social, and cultural independence. Poland survived the two world wars and half a century of communist rule to emerge as a regional leader in East-Central Europe, the fastest-growing economy in the EU, and home to one of the most vibrant cultural scenes in the world. Polish diaspora counts among the largest in the world with major concentrations in the US, Canada, the UK, Germany, and France.

The Polish major offers courses in the Polish language, literature, culture, politics, and one of the most intricate, fascinating histories in Europe, providing the knowledge and skills for successful careers in business, politics, diplomacy, arts, translation, international law, environmental science, journalism, national security, tourism, and cultural services.

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/#requirementsforundergraduatestudytext>) section of the *Guide*.

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| General Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 * |
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* 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 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.

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Mathematics Complete the University General Education Requirements for Quantitative Reasoning A (QR-A) and Quantitative Reasoning B (QR-B) coursework.

Foreign Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
L&S Breadth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 credits of Humanities, which must include 6 credits of literature; and • 12 credits of Social Science; and • 12 credits of Natural Science, which must include one 3+ credit Biological Science course and one 3+ credit Physical Science course.

Liberal Arts and Science Coursework Complete at least 108 credits.

Depth of Intermediate/Advanced work Complete at least 60 credits at the intermediate or advanced level.

Major Declare and complete at least one major.

Total Credits Complete at least 120 credits.

UW-Madison Experience

- 30 credits in residence, overall; and
- 30 credits in residence after the 86th credit.

Quality of Work

- 2.000 in all coursework at UW–Madison
- 2.000 in Intermediate/Advanced level coursework at UW–Madison

NON-L&S STUDENTS PURSUING 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. They do not need to complete the L&S Degree Requirements above.

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:

Code	Title	Credits
Polish Language (complete two courses):		6
SLAVIC 277	Third Year Polish I	
SLAVIC 278	Third Year Polish II	
Polish Literature and Culture (complete both):		

LITTRANS 215	Polish Literature in Translation: 14th to the Mid-19th Century	3	SLAVIC 307	Study Abroad in Poland	1-4
SLAVIC/ LITTRANS 361	Living at the End of Times: Contemporary Polish Literature and Culture	3	SLAVIC 308	Polish Culture and Area Studies on Study Abroad	1-4
Additional Course in Polish Language or Literature/ Culture (complete one):		3	SLAVIC 331	Fourth Year Polish I	3
SLAVIC 331	Fourth Year Polish I		SLAVIC 332	Fourth Year Polish II	3
SLAVIC 231	History and Ethics on Film: Polish Cinema ¹		SLAVIC/ LITTRANS 357	Intermediate Special Topics in Slavic Languages and Literatures	3
Polish Literature and Culture Area Studies from:		6	SLAVIC/ LITTRANS 361	Living at the End of Times: Contemporary Polish Literature and Culture	3
SLAVIC 231	History and Ethics on Film: Polish Cinema ¹		SLAVIC/ FOLKLORE 444	Slavic and East European Folklore	3
SLAVIC 242	Literatures and Cultures of Eastern Europe		SLAVIC/ LITTRANS 467	Advanced Special Topics in Slavic Languages and Literatures	3
SLAVIC 245	Topics in Slavic Literatures		HISTORY 425	History of Poland and the Baltic Area	3-4
SLAVIC/GEOG/ HISTORY/ POLI SCI 254	Eastern Europe: An Interdisciplinary Survey		LITTRANS 329	The Vampire in Literature and Film	3
SLAVIC 285	Slavic Culture in Context: An Honors Course		POLI SCI 340	The European Union: Politics and Political Economy	3-4
SLAVIC 308	Polish Culture and Area Studies on Study Abroad		POLI SCI 659	Politics and Society: Contemporary Eastern Europe	3-4
SLAVIC/ LITTRANS 357	Intermediate Special Topics in Slavic Languages and Literatures		HONORS IN THE MAJOR		
SLAVIC/ FOLKLORE 444	Slavic and East European Folklore		To earn Honors in the Major, students must satisfy both the requirements for the major (above) and the following additional requirements:		
HISTORY 270	Eastern Europe since 1900		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earn a 3.300 University GPA • Earn a 3.300 GPA for all SLAVIC courses and all courses counting in the major • Complete a two-semester Senior Honors Thesis in SLAVIC 681 and SLAVIC 682, for a total of 6 credits • 9 credits from the following list: 		
HISTORY 425	History of Poland and the Baltic Area		Code	Title	Credits
LITTRANS 207	Slavic Science Fiction through Literature and Film		SLAVIC 277	Third Year Polish I	3
LITTRANS 229	Representation of the Jew in Eastern European Cultures		SLAVIC 278	Third Year Polish II	3
LITTRANS 241	Literatures and Cultures of Eastern Europe		SLAVIC 301	Introduction to Intensive Polish	3
LITTRANS 247	Topics in Slavic Literatures in Translation		SLAVIC 331	Fourth Year Polish I	3
LITTRANS 329	The Vampire in Literature and Film		SLAVIC 332	Fourth Year Polish II	3
POLI SCI 340	The European Union: Politics and Political Economy		SLAVIC/ LITTRANS 361	Living at the End of Times: Contemporary Polish Literature and Culture	3
POLI SCI 659	Politics and Society: Contemporary Eastern Europe		SLAVIC/ LITTRANS 357	Intermediate Special Topics in Slavic Languages and Literatures	3
Total Credits		21	SLAVIC/ LITTRANS 467	Advanced Special Topics in Slavic Languages and Literatures	3

RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

- 2.000 GPA in all major courses
- 2.000 GPA on at least 15 credits of upper-level work in the major,
in residence
- 15 credits in the major taken on the UW–Madison campus

Upper-Level Courses in the Major:

Code	Title	Credits
SLAVIC 277	Third Year Polish I	3
SLAVIC 278	Third Year Polish II	3

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 to any student who maintains a 3.500 grade point average in the major and who has completed a two semester Senior Honors Thesis in SLAVIC 681 and SLAVIC 682 for a total of 6 credits.

FOOTNOTES

¹ SLAVIC 231 may only count within one requirement for the major.

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

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

This Sample Four-Year Plan is a tool to assist students and their advisor(s). Students should use it—along with their DARS report, the Degree Planner, and Course Search & Enroll tools—to make their own four-year plan based on their placement scores, credit for transferred courses and approved examinations, and individual interests. As students become involved in athletics, honors, research, student organizations, study abroad, volunteer experiences, and/or work, they might adjust the order of their courses to accommodate these experiences. Students will likely revise their own four-year plan several times during college.

First Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
SLAVIC 111		4 SLAVIC 112	4
Communication A		3 GERMAN/JEWISH 267	3-4
Quantitative Reasoning A		3-4 Social Science Breadth	4
Social Science Breadth		4 Biological Science Breadth	3
	14		14

Second Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
SLAVIC 207		4 SLAVIC 208	4
GNS/FOLKLORE 200 (Comm B)		3 SLAVIC/GEOG/HISTORY/POLI SCI 254	4
Physical Science Breadth		3 INTER-LS 210	1
Quantitative Reasoning B		3 Social Science Breadth	4
Elective		3 Elective	3
	16		16

Third Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
SLAVIC 277		3 SLAVIC 278	3
LITTRANS 215		3 SLAVIC/LITTRANS 361	3
Science Breadth		3 Polish Area Studies Course	3
Electives		6 Science Breadth Elective	3
	15		15

Fourth Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
SLAVIC 331		3 SLAVIC 332	3
Polish Area Studies course		3 Polish Area Studies course	3
Electives		9 Electives	9
	15		15

Total Credits 120

ADVISING AND CAREERS

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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.

The Placement Advisor for Polish is Łukasz Wodzyński. Please contact the undergraduate advisor to request placement.

For other undergraduate concerns or to declare the major, please contact our undergraduate coordinator:

Joanna Schuth, Undergraduate Advisor
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608-262-2090
836 Van Hise
Make an appointment through Starfish (<https://wisc.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops/>)

For additional career advising, please contact:

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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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