



## Polish Minor

[www.Slavic.Pitt.edu/Undergraduate/Polish](http://www.Slavic.Pitt.edu/Undergraduate/Polish)

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The Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures offers a major in Russian and minors in Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian (BCS), Polish, and Slovak Studies. During the fall and spring terms, the department offers courses in Russian, BCS, Polish, Slovak, and Ukrainian. These languages, as well as Bulgarian and Czech, are also taught in the Summer Language Institute (SLI) at Pitt. Offered in June, July, and the first part of August, the SLI provides intensive courses that cover an entire year of study at the first- through fourth-year levels of Russian language, and the first-year—and typically the second-and possibly the third-year-levels of other Slavic languages. There are also study abroad courses available at the SLI in which students spend half of the program in Pittsburgh, and the other half in Russia, Montenegro, Poland, Slovakia, or the Czech Republic. For prospective majors, the SLI affords the opportunity to rapidly increase language proficiency in order to qualify for advanced courses, study abroad programs, or research opportunities.

Prospective majors in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures include: students who are primarily interested in language or literature, students who wish to enhance their career opportunities in a unique way, students who have an interest in the politics and culture of Russia and Central Europe, and students with a desire to explore their ethnic heritage. For students interested in interdisciplinary area studies, the Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (REES) certificate, offered through the University Center for International Studies (UCIS), is an attractive complement to a major or minor in the Slavic department.

Many Russian majors continue their studies in graduate school or go on to careers in law, engineering, business, and government. Students of Slavic languages find their training valuable when working for local western Pennsylvania institutions and in politics, business, health-related professions, and the media, because of the large population in this region which traces its roots to the various Slavic peoples of Eastern Europe. Students interested in a major or minor in the department should begin language study early to ensure attainment of advanced language proficiency.

### Checklist for the Polish minor

Students may complete this 15-credit minor during the regular academic year or through summer study of the Polish language. SLAV 1865 may not be used to fulfill a requirement for more than one academic program.

#### Option 1: Academic year

- \_\_\_\_\_ POLISH 0030 Intermediate Polish 1
- \_\_\_\_\_ POLISH 0040 Intermediate Polish 2
- \_\_\_\_\_ POLISH 0325 Short Story in Polish Context **or** POLISH 1260 Survey of Literature and Culture
- \_\_\_\_\_ POLISH 0400 Advanced Polish Through Film
- \_\_\_\_\_ POLISH 0410 Advanced Polish 2
- \_\_\_\_\_ SLAV 1865 The Year Communism Crumbled

#### Option 2: Summer study; choose one course from each of the following pairs

- \_\_\_\_\_ POLISH 0220 Intermediate Intensive Polish
- \_\_\_\_\_ POLISH 0221 Intermediate Intensive Polish  
Pitt/Poland
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ POLISH 0230 Advanced Intensive Polish
- \_\_\_\_\_ POLISH 0233 Advanced Polish in Poland

**Note:** Students must apply for any official minor they will complete or have completed at the time they apply for graduation.

## Advising

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## The Polish Minor and Study Abroad

Students are encouraged to participate in an approved study-abroad program for a semester or the summer term. The department will adjust the course requirements for the Polish Minor individually in order to accommodate this participation without delaying the student's graduation.

Summer study in Kraków through the Summer Language Institute: [www.SLI.Pitt.edu/Program-Listing/Polish/Domestic](http://www.SLI.Pitt.edu/Program-Listing/Polish/Domestic)

## First-, Second, and Third-Year Polish

### Six Weeks in Pittsburgh

First-, second-, and third-year Polish classes taught at the SLI provide the equivalent of an academic year's worth of study. Classes meet on the University of Pittsburgh campus Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. In addition to intensive language classes, students attend Polish films, lectures on politics and culture, singing classes, and cooking classes.

### Ten Week Hybrid Program: Pittsburgh + Krakow, Poland

Students may add four weeks of study abroad in Krakow to the end of their six weeks of Polish study at the SLI domestic program in Pittsburgh. The abroad portion of the program is held at Prolog Language School, an institute that boasts cutting edge instructional materials and dedicated, experienced instructors of Polish as a foreign language. The abroad program includes an extensive excursion program in and around Krakow at no extra cost to the student.

## Study Abroad

The University of Pittsburgh is affiliated with a number of organizations offering summer, semester, or year-long study in Russia. The Study Abroad Office, located in 802 WPU, can be reached at 412-647-7413.

## Nationality Rooms Program

This program offers a wide variety of competitive scholarships for study in many parts of the world, including Central and Eastern Europe. Applications are due in January. The NRP, located in 1209 CL, can be reached at 412-624-6150.