

EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES, MINOR

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

Program Description

The East-European Studies Minor is an interdisciplinary program designed for students having a special interest in the geographical area that includes the former Soviet Union and Central and Eastern Europe and considering an academic or professional career requiring a knowledge of a foreign language combined with regional specialization. The minor combines courses in languages, literature and cultures of Russia and other nations of the region with courses in history, political science, economics, and other related disciplines. The minor may be combined with any undergraduate major in the University such as History, International Relations, Political Science, Sociology, Journalism, Business, or other fields in which a knowledge of an East-European language and civilization is advantageous. The minor helps prepare students for further academic work in the area of East European, Eurasian, and Global Studies at the graduate level or to pursue careers as area specialists in commerce, industry, journalism, education, and various governmental and international agencies.

Students can select different tracks depending on their linguistic skills and focus of interest. Thus, students can choose between pursuing in-depth studies of Russian language and civilization or broadening their linguistic experience by studying several East-European languages in combination with content courses related to this region.

Study abroad is strongly encouraged.

Program Requirements

Requirement	Credits
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A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the minor, as specified by Senate Policy 59-10 (<https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/59-00-minors-and-certificates/#59-10>). In addition, at least six credits of the minor must be unique from the prescribed courses required by a student's major(s).

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
RUS 100	Russian Culture and Civilization	3
Additional Courses		
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Select one of the following tracks:		11-16
<i>Track 1 (This track is for those students who want to pursue in-depth studies in Russian):</i>		
RUS 3	Intermediate Russian I	
or RUS 410	Heritage Russian	
RUS 200	Intermediate Russian II	

RUS 401	Advanced Russian A
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Track 2:

UKR 3	Intermediate Ukrainian
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Select one of the following:

POL 1 & POL 2 & POL 3	Level One Polish A and Level One Polish B and Level Two Polish A
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RUS 1 & RUS 2 & RUS 3	Elementary Russian I and Elementary Russian II and Intermediate Russian I
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Track 3:

POL 3	Level Two Polish A
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Select one of the following:

UKR 1 & UKR 2 & UKR 3	Elementary Ukrainian I and Elementary Ukrainian II and Intermediate Ukrainian
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RUS 1 & RUS 2 & RUS 3	Elementary Russian I and Elementary Russian II and Intermediate Russian I
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Track 4:

RUS 3	Intermediate Russian I
or RUS 410	Heritage Russian

Select one of the following:

POL 1 & POL 2 & POL 3	Level One Polish A and Level One Polish B and Level Two Polish A
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UKR 1 & UKR 2 & UKR 3	Elementary Ukrainian I and Elementary Ukrainian II and Intermediate Ukrainian
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Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better

Select one of the following:¹ 9-12

Students who choose Track 1 (Russian language only) must select 12 course credits other than RUS (e.g., HIST, PLSC, ECON, etc.) from the departmental list of courses in East European area studies (at least two courses must be at the 400-level).

Students who choose Track 2, 3, and 4 must select 9 credits from the departmental list of courses in East European area studies (at least two courses must be at the 400-level).

¹ Other courses approved by the program adviser, such as *97, can also be used.

Academic Advising

The objectives of the university's academic advising program are to help advisees identify and achieve their academic goals, to promote their intellectual discovery, and to encourage students to take advantage of both in-and out-of class educational opportunities in order that they become self-directed learners and decision makers.

Both advisers and advisees share responsibility for making the advising relationship succeed. By encouraging their advisees to become engaged in their education, to meet their educational goals, and to develop the habit of learning, advisers assume a significant educational role. The advisee's unit of enrollment will provide each advisee with a primary

academic adviser, the information needed to plan the chosen program of study, and referrals to other specialized resources.

READ SENATE POLICY 32-00: ADVISING POLICY (<https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy/>)

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Use the Liberal Arts Meet the Academic Advisers web page (<https://la.psu.edu/student-services/academic-advising/meet-the-academic-advisers/>) to see the contact information for the specific adviser(s) of this program

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