

Study Abroad in Slavic Language and Literatures

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The Slavic Department (slavic.berkeley.edu) encourages its students to study abroad by participating in Berkeley Study Abroad (BSA) program or other programs (government-funded programs, internships, specialized programs, etc.). Many of our students say that their summer, semester, or year abroad was one of the most important and enriching experiences of their undergraduate education.

Why study abroad?



- Increase language proficiency
- Hear and speak the language in its natural setting
- Take advantage of unique academic and experiential opportunities in other countries that are very different from the US
- Participate in a different educational system
- Improve critical thinking skills
- Expand world view by experiencing another culture firsthand
- Get a different perspective on language and the world
- Learn to deal with different mindsets and world views
- Develop self-confidence and independence
- Enhance résumés and/or applications for graduate school
- Prepare for a career in an internationally competitive world
- Make new friends



What classes can I take?

Slavic students have typically received credit for the following types of courses:

- Language courses (e.g., Russian, Bosnian-Serbian-Croatian, Czech, Polish, Armenian, Hungarian, etc.)
- Literature courses (taught in English or target language)
- Courses in culture, political science, and history

The following major requirements must be fulfilled at home:

- Slavic 45, 46, 50
- Slavic 100
- Slavic 180 series

If you plan to conduct research for your senior thesis while studying abroad, talk with a faculty member in your field before you leave, and take detailed notes on your research while you're away.





Where can I study abroad?

Slavic students planning to complete a portion of their major abroad have a wide variety of options. Many of our students have had a wonderful experience on our UCEAP program in St. Petersburg.

- iseees.berkeley.edu/studyabroad - other possible programs in Russia, Latvia, Kazakhstan, etc. for the study of Slavic languages (e.g., Russian, BCS, Polish, Czech), as well as many non-Slavic languages of the region.
- iseees.berkeley.edu/sumlangprog - summer language programs in the US
- Funding opportunities: iseees.berkeley.edu/FLAS and iseees.berkeley.edu/fellowships

“I think the best part of studying abroad on UCEAP was the program of cultural excursions. I got to go to Moscow, Pskov, Peterhof, Mikhailovskoe, and Tsarskoe Selo, as well as many museums and performances. I went on at least one excursion every single week!

Charlotte Pizzella, the editor of undergraduate Troika journal, graduated in 2015

Course Credit: Students will earn UC credit for BSA courses they complete abroad. However, application of credit to major requirements is subject to the discretion of the department. To search for program and course options, go to the BSA website: studyabroad.berkeley.edu/programs and follow the links to courses offered through UCEAP and Berkeley Abroad.

Costs: Study on BSA can be comparable to the cost of study at UC. In some cases, it is less. BSA participants pay UC fees and continue to receive UC financial aid while abroad. Furthermore, BSA students are eligible for special grants and scholarships from UC, the host country, and other sources.

Plan Ahead: Applications typically are due six months to a year prior to the program's start date and some programs have academic or linguistic prerequisites that must be satisfied in advance. Please check the BSA website for guidance on “how to apply”: studyabroad.berkeley.edu/how-to-apply

What happens when I return?

Plan to meet with your faculty and/or major advisor upon your return to have your coursework approved.

Bring back course materials such as syllabi, reading lists, and exams, as these will help when petitioning for major or breadth requirements. Faculty and undergraduate advisors will review the petitions and give final approval on coursework.

I'm Interested! What are the next steps?

Slavic students interested in study abroad should first research program options on the BSA website studyabroad.berkeley.edu and on the ISEES website iseees.berkeley.edu, then meet with the Slavic undergraduate advisor slavic.berkeley.edu to discuss departmental regulations and the academic planning process. Application information and BSA advising are available at the Berkeley Study Abroad office, 160 Stephens Hall.