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10KS0302PHD: SLAVIC LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES, PHD

Completed Workflow

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Changes proposed by: Mary Lowry

Proposal Type:

Major (ex. Special Education)

This proposal is for a:

Revision

Administration Details

Official Program Name

Slavic Languages and Literatures, PhD

Sponsor College

Liberal Arts & Sciences

Sponsor Department

Slavic Languages and Literatures

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List the role for rollbacks (which role will edit the proposal on questions from EPC, e.g., Dept Head or Initiator) and/or any additional stakeholders. Purpose: List here who will do the editing work if proposal needs rolled back. And any other stakeholders.

Valeria Sobol, Professor and Head, vsobol@illinois.edu

Does this program have inter-departmental administration?

No

Proposal Title**Effective Catalog Term**

Fall 2022

Provide a brief, concise description (not justification) of your proposal.

Ph.D. program revision

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Program Justification**Why are these changes necessary?**

Update to Ph.D. program to bring the catalog in accordance with revised Ph.D. requirements.

The Ph.D. program has existed for decades and has prepared generations of scholars and educators in the area of Slavic Languages and Literatures. While the Russian classics continue to be a focus of our program, oriented toward students concentrating on 18th- through 21st-century Russian literature, our Ph.D. in Slavic Languages and Literatures emphasizes interdisciplinary work and studies in more than one Slavic language and literature. A wide range of opportunities for individual specialization includes the languages, literatures, and cultures of Ukraine, Poland, the Czech Republic, Bosnia, Croatia, Serbia, Montenegro, and Bulgaria, as well as Yiddish. Interdisciplinary study is facilitated by our close ties with other campus units such as the federally funded Russian, East European & Eurasian Center; the Program in Comparative & World Literature; the Unit for Criticism & Interpretive Theory; the Department of Gender & Women's Studies; the College of Media; and the Program in Jewish Culture and Society. Students may earn formal graduate minors or certificates from these units or they may create their own minors to satisfy Ph.D. requirements. Our graduates typically hold academic positions (lecturers or tenure-line professors) at four-year colleges and universities.

The proposed revisions are necessary in order to create greater consistency between our requirements and program goals and to update the catalog description.

Instructional Resources

Will there be any reduction in other course offerings, programs or concentrations by your department as a result of this new program/proposed change?

No

Does the program include other courses/subjects impacted by the creation/revision of this program?

No

Program Regulation and Assessment

Briefly describe the plan to assess and improve student learning, including the program's learning objectives; when, how, and where these learning objectives will be assessed; what metrics will be used to signify student's achievement of the stated learning objectives; and the process to ensure assessment results are used to improve student learning. (Describe how the program is aligned with or meets licensure, certification, and/or entitlement requirements, if applicable).

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- 1) Students will be capable of theoretically informed analytical engagement with the disciplines and topics of their specialization. To that end, students will become familiar with contemporary literary, historical, and theoretical research methods and platforms in Slavic studies and, where relevant, adjacent disciplines.
- 2) Students will advance in proficiency in the language of their major fields to the Superior level, enabling professional work in the language. Students will acquire a level of proficiency in a second relevant regional language that will be adequate for research purposes.
- 3) Students will be introduced to current literature and language teaching methodologies and gain practical mentored experience in both.
- 4) Students will be savvy professionals, able to write successful grant applications and generate major research output, including conference presentations and academic publications, concurrently with their dissertation research. Students will be mentored by their advisors as well as the faculty as a whole to successfully negotiate in the job market with a view to obtaining academic employment or other kinds of jobs commensurate with their qualifications.

Term papers, class discussion contributions, M.A. and Ph.D. exams, and dissertation writing are used to evaluate this aspect of students' academic progress. Faculty encourage students to attend Russian, East European and Eurasian Center events (New Directions Lectures, Noontime Talks), as well as the kruzhok, a monthly discussion group that brings together faculty and graduate students from Slavic, History, Anthropology and other departments who are working on Slavic and region-relevant topics. The DGS provides advice and encouragement to members of the graduate student body as a whole, and in particular to students working on a MA; students who have reached the dissertation stage receive their primary mentoring from their research advisor.

Furthermore, our four graduate survey courses that cover Russian literature and culture are designed, among other things, to enhance and systematize our graduates' conceptual and substantive disciplinary knowledge.

Is the career/profession for graduates of this program regulated by the State of Illinois?

No

Program of Study

"Baccalaureate degree requires at least 120 semester credit hours or 180 quarter credit hours and at least 40 semester credit hours (60 quarter credit hours) in upper division courses" (source: <https://www.ibhe.org/assets/files/PrivateAdminRules2017.pdf>). For proposals for new bachelor's degrees,

if this minimum is not explicitly met by specifically-required 300- and/or 400-level courses, please provide information on how the upper-division hours requirement will be satisfied.

All proposals must attach the new or revised version of the Academic Catalog program of study entry. Contact your college office if you have questions.

Revised programs

Slavic PhD revision 9-2-21_Rev.doc
 Slavic Languages PhD Comparative Table.docx
 Slavic PhD_Revised Overview Tab.docx

Attach a side-by-side comparison with the existing program AND, if the revision references or adds “chose-from” lists of courses students can select from to fulfill requirements, a listing of these courses, including the course rubric, number, title, and number of credit hours.

Catalog Page Text - Overview Tab

Text for Overview tab on the Catalog Page. This is not official content, it is used to help build the new catalog page for the program. Can be edited in the catalog by the college or department.

See attached Slavic PhD_Revised Overview Tab word document for changes

Statement for Programs of Study Catalog

Entering with approved M.S./M.A. degree

Students are admitted to the Ph.D. program after the successful completion of an M.S/M.A. degree in Slavic studies or a related field.

Code	Title	Hours
Graduate-level courses in a minor field (three courses in a single area, or two courses each in two distinct areas) and may be completed outside the department.		12-14
SLAV 576	Methods in Slavic Grad Study (if not taken during MA program)	4
SLAV 575	Professionalization Workshop	2
SLAV 577	Slavic Languages Pedagogy Seminar	2
SLAV 599	Thesis Research (min/max applied toward degree)	12-32
RUSS 511	Russian Literature 1800-1855	4
OR Approved Equivalent Thematic/Author Course		
RUSS 512	Russian Literature 1855-1905	4
OR Approved Equivalent Thematic/Author Course		
RUSS 513	Russian Literature 1905-1955	4
OR Approved Equivalent Thematic/Author Course		
RUSS 514	Russian Literature After 1956	4
OR Approved Equivalent Thematic/Author Course		
Graduate-level courses in a minor field (three courses in a single area, or two courses each in two distinct areas); may be completed outside the department.		12-16
Language Requirement: Demonstration of knowledge of a second Slavic-area language and a research language; can be satisfied through four semesters of language study or the successful completion of a translation examination.		
TOTAL Hours		64

Other Requirements

Requirement	Description
Other Requirements may overlap	
Minimum Hours Required Within the Unit:	20

Minimum Hours Required in Major Field:	20
Masters Degree Required Before Admission to PhD?	Yes
Qualifying Exam Required	No
Preliminary Exam Required	Yes
Final Exam/Dissertation Defense Required	Yes
Dissertation Deposit Required	Yes
Minimum GPA:	3.0

Corresponding Degree

PhD Doctor of Philosophy

Program Features

Academic Level

Graduate

Does this major have transcribed concentrations?

No

What is the typical time to completion of this program?

7 years

What are the minimum Total Credit Hours required for this program?

32

What is the required GPA?

3.0

Is This a Teacher Certification Program?

No

Will specialized accreditation be sought for this program?

No

Delivery Method

This program is available:

On Campus - Students are required to be on campus, they may take some online courses.

Enrollment

Describe how this revision will impact enrollment and degrees awarded.

There will be no impact

Estimated Annual Number of Degrees Awarded

What is the matriculation term for this program?

Fall

Budget

Are there budgetary implications for this revision?

No

Will the program or revision require staffing (faculty, advisors, etc.) beyond what is currently available?

No

Financial Resources

How does the unit intend to financially support this proposal?

The changes do not require any additional financial or personnel resources.

Will the unit need to seek campus or other external resources?

No

Are you seeking a change in the tuition rate or differential for this program?

No

Is this program requesting self-supporting status?

No

Resource Implications

Facilities

Will the program require new or additional facilities or significant improvements to already existing facilities?

No

Technology

Will the program need additional technology beyond what is currently available for the unit?

No

Non-Technical Resources

Will the program require additional supplies, services or equipment (non-technical)?

No

Resources

For each of these items, be sure to include in the response if the proposed new program or change will result in replacement of another program(s). If so, which program(s), what is the anticipated impact on faculty, students, and instructional resources? Please attach any letters of support/acknowledgement from faculty, students, and/or other impacted units as appropriate.

Faculty Resources

Please address the impact on faculty resources including any changes in numbers of faculty, class size, teaching loads, student-faculty ratios, etc. Describe how the unit will support student advising, including job placement and/or admission to advanced studies.

There will be no impact on faculty resources. Our Pedagogy specialist, Dr. Ivashkiv, is available to teach SLAV 577 regularly because our linguist, Dr. Laura Davies Brenier, has just become 100% affiliated with Slavic and can share some of his typical course load (such as RUSS 501-502). SLAV 575 and RUSS 514 have been taught before under the SLAV 592 rubric, so the same faculty are available to teach under the new rubrics. The addition of RUSS 513 will not affect our faculty's load, as we can easily redistribute it.

Library Resources

Describe your proposal's impact on the University Library's resources, collections, and services. If necessary please consult with the appropriate disciplinary specialist within the University Library.

Current collections and services are adequate for the proposed program.

EP Documentation

EP Control Number

EP.22.053

This proposal requires HLC inquiry

No

DMI Documentation

Banner/Codebook Name

PHD:Slavic Lang & Lit -UIUC

Program Code:

10KS0302PHD

Key: 451



Proposal for revised curricula (degree, major, concentration, minor)

Submit completed proposals via email to Interim Associate Dean Stephen R. Downie (sdownie@illinois.edu). Please obtain Executive Officer and School Director (if applicable) approval via email and forward with the proposal to LAS.

Proposal Title: Revision of the Ph.D. Program Requirements in Slavic Languages & Literatures

For proposals with concentrations- will you admit to the concentration(s) directly? Is a concentration required for graduation?

Proposed effective date: *(Proposals may not be implemented until they go through all necessary levels of approval. Proposed changes may not be publicized as final on any web sites, printed documents, etc. until written confirmation of final approval is issued. For LAS units, a fall semester effective term for all curricula will be requested, please indicate the proposed year).*

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Sponsor(s): *(Please include name, title, and email address of a faculty member knowledgeable about the proposal who will serve as the primary contact for the proposal. This person must be authorized to make changes in the proposal on behalf of the department. In case of multiple units, give information for each unit.)*

Valeria Sobol, Professor and Head, vsobol@illinois.edu

College contact: Stephen R. Downie, Interim Associate Dean for Curricula and Academic Policy, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, sdownie@illinois.edu

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION and JUSTIFICATION

1) **Provide a brief, concise description of your proposal.** For example, if proposing revisions to a curriculum, state specifically what is changing. Where applicable, note whether stated program changes include additional requirements in the form of prerequisite courses. Requests for curriculum revisions must be accompanied by a table which clearly outlines the current requirements and the proposed revisions. This information may be submitted as an appendix. See Appendix A for an example. Please provide pertinent information only.

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2) **Provide a justification of the program**, including how your unit decided to create this program, highlights of the program objectives, and the careers, occupations, or further educational opportunities for which the program will prepare graduates, when appropriate.

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1) **Desired admissions term:** *For LAS units, a fall semester effective term for all curricula will be requested, please indicate the proposed year*

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2) **Provide a brief description of the admission requirements for this program. Where relevant, include information about licensure requirements, student background checks, GRE and TOEFL scores, and admission requirements for transfer students.**

Prospective graduate students of Slavic Languages & Literatures should have had the equivalent of at least three years of college study in the language of their proposed specialization. Applicants apply online and submit statements of purpose, three letters of recommendation, a resume or cv, a writing sample, and scanned copies of their transcripts, as well as any certificates of degree completion or diplomas for all the post-secondary schools they have attended

(undergraduate and graduate programs). English translations should be provided when applicable, preferably from the school attended. Official documents (original or “attested” copies) will be required if applicants are admitted.

The GRE is optional. All applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit a TOEFL iBT or Academic IELTS score report. The test must have been taken no more than 2 years prior to the start of their first semester at UIUC. Minimum score requirements for full-status admission to Slavic Languages & Literatures are 103 total with a minimum of 24 in the speaking section on the TOEFL iBT or 7 total with a minimum of 8 in the speaking section on the IELTS.

One of the revisions relates to admissions. We are eliminating the GRE requirement, as GRE scores do not necessarily reflect the students’ potential for scholarly achievement in our field; besides, we often have international applicants who did not study in the U.S. undergraduate system, and the GRE is not an accurate indication of their academic and intellectual preparation.

3) Describe how critical academic functions such as admissions and student advising are managed.

All applications to our graduate program are reviewed and discussed by our Graduate Studies Committee chaired by the Director of Graduate Studies (3 faculty members total). Admissions decisions are made by the Committee in consultation with the Department Head. Graduate students are advised primarily by the Director of Graduate Studies.

ENROLLMENT

1) Estimated Annual Number of Degrees Awarded (degrees, majors and concentrations ONLY)

Year One Estimate 2

3) What is the matriculation term for this program? Fall OR Spring/summer/other

Fall, Spring or summer

4) What is the typical time to completion of this program? 7 years

Note: grad certificates require at least 10 weeks. Other examples: BALAS= 4years, MA=2.5 years

5) What are the minimum Total Credit Hours required for this program?

64 hours

6) Delivery Method, what is the program’s primary delivery method? Choose from following:

On campus; Online & On campus; Online Only; Other- specify

On campus

BUDGET

1) Will the program or revision require staffing (faculty, advisors, etc.) beyond what is currently available? If yes, please describe.

No

2) Please provide any additional budget information needed to effectively evaluate the proposal.

We do not anticipate any budgetary implications of this proposal

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

1) Facilities- Will the program require new or additional facilities or significant improvements to already existing facilities? If yes, please outline the specific need and Year 1 and Year 5 cost.

No

2) Technology- Will the program need additional technology beyond what is currently available for the unit? If yes, please outline the specific need and Year 1 and Year 5 cost.

No

3) Non-Technical Resources- Will the program require additional supplies, services or equipment (non-technical)? If yes, please outline the specific need and Year 1 and Year 5 cost.

No

RESOURCES

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2) Library Resources: Describe your proposal's impact on the University Library's resources, collections, and services. If necessary please consult with the appropriate disciplinary specialist within the University Library.

Current collections and services are adequate for the proposed program.

3) Instructional Resources: Will there be any reduction in other course offerings, programs or concentrations by your department as a result of this new program/proposed change? If yes, please describe.

No impact.

4) Does this new program/proposed change result in the replacement of another program? If yes, please specify the program.

No

5) Does the program include any required or recommended subjects that are offered by other departments? If yes, please list the courses. Explain how these additional courses will be used by the program and provide letters of support from the departments.

No

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

1) How does the unit intend to financially support this proposal?

The proposal does not require any additional financial resources.

2) Will the unit need to seek campus or other external resources? If yes, please provide a summary of the sources and an indication of the approved support.

No

3) Are you seeking a change in the tuition rate or differential for this program? (degrees, majors and concentrations ONLY)? If yes, please provide information on the request. If this program requires a tuition or differential change, initiate a discussion with the LAS curricula contact, LAS budget officer, and LAS Associate Dean.

No

4) Is this program requesting self-supporting status? (degrees, majors and concentrations ONLY)?

No

MARKET DEMAND

1) What market indicators are driving this proposal? If similar programs exist in the state, describe how this program offers a unique opportunity for students.

Recent trends in the academic job market in our field have indicated a growing need for both traditional specialists in all periods of Russian literature and for interdisciplinary

scholars in the area of Eastern Europe and Eurasia more broadly. At the same time, most teaching positions in our field expect instruction of both language and literature courses. Our program already has a strong interdisciplinary focus with an emphasis on Slavic languages and cultures other than Russian. The proposed changes will address these recent trends: the RUSS 511-514 sequence will provide rigorous in-depth training of our graduate students in all periods of Russian literature, including the post-Soviet period (covered in RUSS 514); the professionalization workshop prepares them for the job market and navigating the profession; and SLAV 577 will offer them up-to-date and thorough training in language teaching pedagogy. UIUC is the only public university in the state that offers such training (another university with a Ph.D. program in Slavic is Northwestern, but it focuses primarily on Russian literature).

- 2) **What type of employment outlook should these graduates expect? Explain how the program will meet the needs of regional and state employers, including any state agencies, industries, research centers, or other educational institutions that expressly encourage the program's development.**

Since it is a Ph.D. program, it prepares its graduates for academic careers nationally and internationally. Most of our graduates hold academic appointments in four-year institutions of higher education.

- 3) **What resources will be provided to assist students with job placement?**

The professionalization workshop (SLAV 575); faculty mentorship and consultations; mock interviews and job talks offered by the department; many resources are provided by Russian, East European and Eurasian Center at UIUC, with which our department collaborates closely; we also alert our graduate students of the resources made available by professional associations and organizations, such as MLA, ASEES and AATSEEL (Modern Language Association, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies and American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages).

PROGRAM REGULATION & ASSESSMENT

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2) Is the career/profession for graduates of this program regulated by the State of Illinois? If yes, please describe.

No

ACADEMIC CATALOG ENTRY

All proposals must submit the major requirements (courses, hours) for the proposed curricula. Please see the University of Illinois Academic Catalog- <http://catalog.illinois.edu/> for your unit for an example of the entry.

Overview [changes are in bold]

Graduate Degree Programs in Slavic Languages and Literatures

[Slavic Languages & Literatures, MA](#)

[Slavic Languages & Literatures, PhD](#)

The Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures offers graduate work leading to the degrees of Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy in Slavic Languages and Literatures. Scope of the department includes Bulgarian, Czech, Polish, Russian, Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Yiddish and Ukrainian.

Admission

Prospective graduate students of Slavic languages and literatures should have had the equivalent of at least three years of college study in the language of their proposed specialization and advanced coursework in that literature. Applicants should apply online (www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply/) **and submit statements of purpose, three letters of recommendation, a resume or cv, a writing sample, and scanned copies of their transcripts, as well as any certificates of degree completion or diplomas for all the post-secondary schools they have attended (undergraduate and graduate programs). English translations should be provided when applicable, preferably from the school attended. Official documents (original or “attested” copies) will be required if applicants are admitted.**

The GRE is optional. If applicants choose to submit the score, the test must have been taken no more than 5 years prior to their first semester at UIUC. GRE scores should be sent by ETS to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, institution code #1836.

All applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit a TOEFL iBT or Academic IELTS score report. The test must have been taken no more than 2 years prior to the start of their first semester at UIUC. Minimum score requirements for full-status admission to Slavic Languages & Literatures are 103 total with a minimum of 24 in the speaking section on the TOEFL iBT or 7 total with a minimum of 8 in the speaking section on the IELTS.

This requirement may be waived if the applicants have completed at least 2 academic years of full-time study or have completed a graduate degree at an English-language university in an English-speaking country within 5 years of your first semester at UIUC. The requirement may also be waived if they were raised in and/or went to school in one of the countries on this list: <http://www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply/exemptcountries>.

Graduate Teaching Experience

Experience in teaching is considered a vital part of the graduate program and is expected as part of the academic work of all Ph.D. candidates in this program. Non-native English speakers must first pass a test of their oral English ability

(see www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/taengprof.htm).

Faculty Research Interests

The faculty represent a broad range of interests and methodological approaches, including:

- **the intersections of literature, law, and medicine**
- **empire and race studies**
- Russian-Jewish Studies
- gender, sexuality, and the body
- Stalinist culture
- film history and theory
- Czech revival culture
- nationalism and literature
- Polish modernism, postmodernism, and visual culture
- **Socialist Yugoslavia**
- exilic and emigre literature
- East European pop culture

~~Graduate courses are offered in:~~

- ~~**Russian**~~
- ~~**Polish**~~
- ~~**Ukrainian**~~
- ~~**Bosnian/Serbian/Croatian**~~
- ~~**Yiddish**~~
- ~~**Czech**~~
- ~~**Bulgarian]**~~

Facilities and Resources

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has one of the country's three outstanding [Slavic library collections](#). The Illinois Summer Research Laboratory on Russia and Eastern Europe

brings to the campus more than one hundred postdoctoral researchers from all over the country every year to take advantage of the Slavic library resources. The University houses *Slavic Review*, the premier journal in Slavic studies.

There are also opportunities for part-time related work in the Slavic and East European Division of the University Library, *Slavic Review*, and elsewhere on campus.

Centers, Programs and Institutes

The federally-funded [Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center](#), [the European Union Center](#), and the [Center for Global Studies](#) are an important funding source for our graduate students and host a variety of conferences and speakers every year. The Department also works closely with the [Program in Comparative & World Literature](#), [the Program in Translation and Interpreting Studies](#), [the Unit for Criticism & Interpretive Theory](#), [the Program in Jewish Culture & Society](#), and [the Department of Gender & Women's Studies](#).

Financial Aid

Students may receive various forms of financial assistance, including University fellowships, Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships, teaching assistantships, and research assistantships. There are also opportunities for part-time related work in the Slavic and East European Division of the University Library and elsewhere on the campus. Most students are awarded multiple-year support packages that include a mixture of teaching and fellowship, conditional on satisfactory progress through the program (see www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/taengprof.htm).

Degree Requirements for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Slavic Languages & Literatures

All candidates for the Ph.D. degree must fulfill the general requirements of the Graduate College and must have a reading knowledge of at least one non-Slavic, research related language, most often French or German. A student entering the program with a Master of Arts degree from another department or university must complete SLAV 576. In consultation with the graduate advisor, the Ph.D. student designs an individualized program of study that includes a major field in one Slavic-area literature (any national literature currently offered by the department), study in a second Slavic-area language, and a minor field. A Ph.D. preliminary examination, consisting of written and oral portions on both major and minor fields, is required. A thesis is required for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

For additional details and requirements refer to the department's [Graduate Programs Web pages](#) and the [Graduate College Handbook](#).

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RUSS 511* Russian Literature 1800-1855	4
RUSS 512* Russian Literature 1855-1910	4
RUSS 513* Russian Literature 1910-1955	4
RUSS 514* Russian Literature after 1956	4
SLAV 599 Thesis Research (min/max applied toward degree)	12-32
Graduate-level courses in a minor field (three courses in a single area, or two courses each in two distinct areas); may be completed outside the department.	12-16
Language Requirement: Demonstration of knowledge of a second Slavic-area language and a research language; can be satisfied through four semesters of language study or the successful completion of a translation examination.	
Total Hours	64
*Or equivalent thematic/author course, as approved by the DGS	

Other Requirements

Other Requirements may overlap	
Minimum Hours Required Within the Unit:	20
Minimum Hours Required in Major Field:	20
Masters Degree Required Before Admission to PhD?	Yes
Qualifying Exam Required	No
Preliminary Exam Required	Yes
Final Exam/Dissertation Defense Required	Yes
Dissertation Deposit Required	Yes
Minimum GPA:	3.0

2) Include a comparative table of the current and proposed requirements.

Comparative Table of Proposed Changes

Current Requirements	Current	Proposed Requirements	Proposed
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	Hours		Hours
SLAV 577	4	SLAV 577	2
SLAV 599	24	SLAV 599	12-32
		RUSS 511 or substitution	4
		RUSS 512 or substitution	4
		RUSS 513 or substitution	4
		RUSS 514 or substitution	4
		SLAV 575	2
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Minimum GPA	2.75	Minimum GPA	3.0

SLAVIC LANGUAGES & LITERATURES, PhD – Revised Overview Tab

ACADEMIC CATALOG ENTRY

All proposals must submit the major requirements (courses, hours) for the proposed curricula. Please see the University of Illinois Academic Catalog- <http://catalog.illinois.edu/> for your unit for an example of the entry.

Overview [changes are in bold]

Graduate Degree Programs in Slavic Languages and Literatures

[Slavic Languages & Literatures, MA](#)

[Slavic Languages & Literatures, PhD](#)

The Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures offers graduate work leading to the degrees of Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy in Slavic Languages and Literatures. Scope of the department includes Bulgarian, Czech, Polish, Russian, Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Yiddish and Ukrainian.

Admission

Prospective graduate students of Slavic languages and literatures should have had the equivalent of at least three years of college study in the language of their proposed specialization and advanced coursework in that literature. Applicants should apply online (www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply/) **and submit statements of purpose, three letters of recommendation, a resume or cv, a writing sample, and scanned copies of their transcripts, as well as any certificates of degree completion or diplomas for all the post-secondary schools they have attended (undergraduate and graduate programs). English translations should be provided when applicable, preferably from the school attended. Official documents (original or “attested” copies) will be required if applicants are admitted.**

The GRE is optional. If applicants choose to submit the score, the test must have been taken no more than 5 years prior to their first semester at UIUC. GRE scores should be sent by ETS to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, institution code #1836.

All applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit a TOEFL iBT or Academic IELTS score report. The test must have been taken no more than 2 years prior to the start of their first semester at UIUC. Minimum score requirements for full-status admission to Slavic Languages & Literatures are 103 total with a minimum of 24 in the

speaking section on the TOEFL iBT or 7 total with a minimum of 8 in the speaking section on the IELTS.

This requirement may be waived if the applicants have completed at least 2 academic years of full-time study or have completed a graduate degree at an English-language university in an English-speaking country within 5 years of your first semester at UIUC. The requirement may also be waived if they were raised in and/or went to school in one of the countries on this list: <http://www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply/exemptcountries>.

Graduate Teaching Experience

Experience in teaching is considered a vital part of the graduate program and is expected as part of the academic work of all Ph.D. candidates in this program. Non-native English speakers must first pass a test of their oral English ability (see www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/taengprof.htm).

Faculty Research Interests

The faculty represent a broad range of interests and methodological approaches, including:

- **the intersections of literature, law, and medicine**
- **empire and race studies**
- Russian-Jewish Studies
- gender, sexuality, and the body
- Stalinist culture
- film history and theory
- Czech revival culture
- nationalism and literature
- Polish modernism, postmodernism, and visual culture
- **Socialist Yugoslavia**
- exilic and emigre literature
- East European pop culture

Graduate courses are offered in:

- **Russian**
- **Polish**
- **Ukrainian**
- **Bosnian/Serbian/Croatian**
- **Yiddish**
- **Czech**
- **Bulgarian}**

Facilities and Resources

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has one of the country's three outstanding [Slavic library collections](#). The Illinois Summer Research Laboratory on Russia and Eastern Europe brings to the campus more than one hundred postdoctoral researchers from all over the country every year to take advantage of the Slavic library resources. The University houses *Slavic Review*, the premier journal in Slavic studies.

There are also opportunities for part-time related work in the Slavic and East European Division of the University Library, *Slavic Review*, and elsewhere on campus.

Centers, Programs and Institutes

The federally-funded [Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center](#), [the European Union Center](#), and the [Center for Global Studies](#) are an important funding source for our graduate students and host a variety of conferences and speakers every year. The Department also works closely with the [Program in Comparative & World Literature](#), [the Program in Translation and Interpreting Studies](#), [the Unit for Criticism & Interpretive Theory](#), [the Program in Jewish Culture & Society](#), and [the Department of Gender & Women's Studies](#).

Financial Aid

Students may receive various forms of financial assistance, including University fellowships, Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships, teaching assistantships, and research assistantships. There are also opportunities for part-time related work in the Slavic and East European Division of the University Library and elsewhere on the campus. Most students are awarded multiple-year support packages that include a mixture of teaching and fellowship,

conditional on satisfactory progress through the program
(see www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/taengprof.htm).

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