

# EAST CENTRAL EUROPEAN LANGUAGES, LITERATURES, AND CULTURES, CERTIFICATE

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Please see the Slavic Studies Certificate (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/german-nordic-slavic/slavic-studies-certificate/>) instead.

Explore the crossroads of Europe with courses designed to give you the linguistic-cultural skills for successful academic, business, political, diplomatic, and analytical careers centered on the continent's most economically dynamic, strategically important, and culturally rich region. Discover the world that has survived the horrors of two world wars, given birth to some of the most powerful dissident movements in modern history, and inspired the world with its art, film, literature, and political thought.

Are you fascinated with East-Central Europe? Do you want to learn Polish or Czech? Do you want to hear more about the professional opportunities that study of the region can offer you? The Certificate in East Central European Languages, Literatures, and Cultures is your gateway!

- Excellent study abroad and scholarship opportunities;
- A rich set of course offerings that includes language instruction, as well as theme-based classes on topics such as popular culture and cultural history, (post-)communism, the immigrant experience in America, dissidence, film, the politics of laughter, and science fiction.

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In order to receive the certificate in East Central European languages, literature, and cultures, students are required to complete a minimum of **15 credits total**.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Part 1</b>		
Select one of the following options:		6-8
SLAVIC 217 & SLAVIC 218	Third Semester Czech and Fourth Semester Czech	
SLAVIC 207 & SLAVIC 208	Third Semester Polish and Fourth Semester Polish <sup>1</sup>	
<b>Part 2</b>		
Select three courses from the following:		9
LITTRANS 207	Slavic Science Fiction through Literature and Film	
LITTRANS 208	The Writings of Vaclav Havel: Critique of Modern Society	
LITTRANS/ SLAVIC 215	Love and Death: Introduction to Polish Literature & Culture	
LITTRANS 218	Polish Literature in Translation: Late 19th and 20th Centuries	
LITTRANS 241	Literatures and Cultures of Eastern Europe	
LITTRANS 247	Topics in Slavic Literatures in Translation	
LITTRANS/ FOLKLORE 327	Vampires	
LITTRANS 454	History of Serbian and Croatian Literature	
LITTRANS 471	Polish Literature (in Translation), Middle Ages to 1863	
LITTRANS 473	Polish Literature (in Translation) since 1863	
SLAVIC 231	History and Ethics on Film: Polish Cinema	
SLAVIC 242	Literatures and Cultures of Eastern Europe	
SLAVIC 245	Topics in Slavic Literatures	
SLAVIC/GEOG/ HISTORY/ POLI SCI 254	Eastern Europe: An Interdisciplinary Survey	
SLAVIC 307	Study Abroad in Poland	
SLAVIC 308	Polish Culture and Area Studies on Study Abroad	
SLAVIC/ LITTRANS 361	Living at the End of Times: Contemporary Polish Literature and Culture	
SLAVIC/ FOLKLORE 444	Slavic and East European Folklore	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

<sup>1</sup> Students can satisfy this requirement by completing any two courses in Polish language beyond the second semester, including: SLAVIC 207 Third Semester Polish, SLAVIC 208 Fourth Semester Polish, SLAVIC 277 Third Year Polish I, SLAVIC 278 Third Year Polish II, SLAVIC 331 Fourth Year Polish I, and SLAVIC 332 Fourth Year Polish II.

## RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

- At least 8 credits must be earned in residence.
- Students must earn a cumulative 2.000 GPA on required certificate coursework.

- Learn about internships and internship funding (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/finding-a-job-or-internship/>)
- Try “Jobs, Internships, & How to Get Them,” (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/canvas/>) an interactive guide in Canvas for enrolled UW–Madison students

## CERTIFICATE COMPLETION REQUIREMENT

This undergraduate certificate must be completed concurrently with the student’s undergraduate degree. Students cannot delay degree completion to complete the certificate.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

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1. Minimally acquire intermediate proficiency in an East Central European Language (Czech, Polish, or SerboCroatian).
2. Develop and apply writing skills and oral communications skills appropriate to Liberal Arts education in the context of Slavic studies to the literatures and cultures of the region.
3. Develop and apply critical-thinking skills inherent in the Liberal Arts tradition to the literature and culture of the region.
4. Analyze and interpret cultural products of the region (i.e. works of literature, films, etc.) in themselves and in the context of specific historical and cultural conditions.

## ADVISING AND CAREERS

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Language placement tests are advised for any student with previous knowledge or experience with Polish or Czech. The test consists of a one-on-one appointment with a professor, with written, oral, and reading comprehension components.

Placement Advisors for the languages represented by the certificate are:

- David Danaher ([dsdanaher@wisc.edu](mailto:dsdanaher@wisc.edu)) for Czech
- Łukasz Wodzyński ([lukasz.wodzynski@wisc.edu](mailto:lukasz.wodzynski@wisc.edu)) for Polish

For other undergraduate questions or to declare the certificate, please contact our undergraduate advisor, Joanna Schuth ([jschuth@wisc.edu](mailto:jschuth@wisc.edu)).

### SUCCESSWORKS

SuccessWorks (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/>) at the College of Letters & Science helps you turn the academic skills learned in your classes into a fulfilling life, guiding you every step of the way to securing jobs, internships, or admission to graduate school.

Through one-on-one career advising, events, and resources, you can explore career options, build valuable internship and research experience, and connect with supportive alumni and employers who open doors of opportunity.

- What you can do with your major (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/what-you-can-do-with-your-major/>) (Major Skills & Outcomes Sheets)
- Make a career advising appointment (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/>)