

Germanic and Slavic Studies

Undergraduate Degree Programs in German and Russian and East European Studies

German

General B.A., 3- or 4-Year, German

Honours B.A., German

Honours B.A., German, Arts and Business, Regular or Co-op

Joint Honours with German

German Minor

German studies at the University of Waterloo have the needs of the learner in mind. We focus on practical skills in our language courses, and our program has a unique, flexible structure that allows students to increase the intensity of language learning. Students find themselves well prepared for study in Germany on our Waterloo in Germany exchange program. Advanced knowledge of language studies, professional German, literature, and film is attained in junior and senior seminars. Cultural studies courses taught in English introduce our students to the German legacy in western culture. Students in this program may supplement their studies with related courses from other areas such as economics, fine arts, geography, history, political science, and applied language studies.

Russian and East European Studies

General B.A., 3-or 4-Year, Russian and East European Studies

Honours B.A., Russian and East European Studies

Honours B.A., Russian and East European Studies, Arts and Business, Regular or Co-op

Joint Honours with Russian and East European Studies

Minor in Russian and East European Studies

Our Russian and East European Studies program introduces students to the language and culture of the Slavic nations and peoples. It offers courses for true beginners as well as heritage speakers. The core of the program focuses on Russia – its language, literature, and cultural expression. Other languages, specifically Croatian and Polish, supplement these studies to give students a solid understanding of eastern European culture. Knowledge of Russian and other Slavic languages provides students with a rare and valuable skill in our society, and an understanding of the political and cultural traditions of a leading country in today's world. Students in this program are encouraged to supplement their studies with related courses from other areas such as economics, fine arts, geography, history, and political science.

Studying in the Department of Germanic and Slavic Studies

Students wishing a deeper understanding of not just the languages, but also the history, cultural traditions, ideas, and accomplishments of the Germanic and Slavic peoples, can supplement their language studies with a wide variety of culture, film, literature, language studies, history and society topics.

We believe that the study of our discipline is most effective in small groups where professor and students have adequate opportunity to interact. The average class size in our department is fewer than 15 students.

Courses in the Major

German

Applied Apprenticeship
Comparative Literature: Theory and Practice
Culture Behind the Iron Curtain
Culture in the Third Reich: Racism,
Elementary German
Exploring German Literature
Exploring the German Language
German and Russian Film Pioneers
German and Russian Literary Masterpieces
German Film Classics
German Filmmakers in Hollywood
German for Professional Purposes
German Thought and Culture
German through Comics
German Through Media
Integrative Language Seminar
Intermediate Conversation and Composition on
Topics in German Landeskunde
(*offered in Germany*)
Intermediate German
Languages and Society
Once Upon a Fairy Tale: Fairy Tales, Then and
Now
Performance German
Reading and Translating
Reading Course
Resistance, Legacy
Survey of German Literature and Culture
Topics in German Film
Topics in Language Pedagogy
Written Communication
Zeitgeist and Popular Culture

Russian and East European Studies

Croatian Culture and Literature
Legendary Past: Russian Myths and Heroes
Russian Drama
Russian Folklore
Russian Politics Through Literature
Russian Thought and Culture
Special Topics
The Devil
The Slavic Short Story
Women in Russia: The Conscience of a Nation

*plus additional courses in Germanic and Slavic studies

Croatian

Elementary Croatian
Intermediate Croatian

Croatian, Dutch, and Polish

We also offer comprehensive language courses in Croatian, Dutch and Polish.

Study Abroad

Our students have opportunities to study German or Russian abroad. "Waterloo in Germany" is an exchange program with the Universities of Mannheim and Bamberg in Germany. Many third and fourth year students spend a term or a year studying there.

In addition, some of our students gain work experience and travel in Europe through summer work programs in Germany, year-long teaching positions in German schools, and internships with German companies.

Students of Russian are able to study language by participating in programs in Russia. Among other places, our students have participated in an intensive language study at St. Petersburg State University through the Department of Russian Studies at Dalhousie University. (Students can spend a term living in St. Petersburg, the majestic city founded in 1703 by Peter the Great as Russia's window onto Europe.) Our department can provide you with more details.

Germanic and Slavic Studies Department Activities

Throughout the year our department takes part in a number of activities at the University and in the community. Faculty members and guests hold frequent lectures in the department and in the community. The Germanic and Slavic clubs offer a variety of social events for students and faculty. The vibrant German heritage of the Waterloo region provides many opportunities for students to speak German and learn about German immigrant culture. The department works closely with the Waterloo Centre for German Studies (WCGS) which frequently organizes German-related events.

Careers

Here is a small sample of positions held by graduates of Germanic and Slavic Studies:

Administrative Assistant, *Ontario March of Dimes*
Assistant Branch Librarian, *New York Public Library*
Assistant Manager, *CIBC*
Assistant Minister, *Zion Presbyterian Church*
Assistant Professor, *Trent University*
Assistant Professor, *University of Manitoba*
Business Analyst Consulting, *Deloitte Touche, Toronto*
Citizen Outreach Director, *Canadian Parks & Wilderness Society*
Client Service Manager, *International Teledata Group, Vancouver*
Copy Editor, *Methuen of Canada Ltd.*
Documentation Specialist, *Toronto Real Estate Board*
German Research Assistant, *Justice Department*
Group Underwriter, *Equitable Life*
Librarian - Information Specialist, *University of Guelph*
Manager International Office, *University of West Bohemia, Czech Republic*
Office Co-ordinator, *Teijin Seiki Europe*
Owner/Manager, *The Club, Fitness for Women*
Precinct Information Officer, *Government of British Columbia*
Professor, *University of British Columbia*
Public Relations Officer, *Montreal Separate School Board*
Teacher, *Waterloo County Board of Education*
Technical Writer, *Coinamatic Inc, Toronto*
Translator
Vocations Searcher, *National Library*

Dutch

Elementary Dutch
Intermediate Dutch

Polish

Elementary Polish
Intermediate Polish

Russian

Elementary Russian
Intermediate Russian
Advanced Russian
Integrative Language Studies
Russian for Heritage Speakers

Co-operative Programs in Arts

Honours Germanic & Slavic Studies students may pursue co-operative education through:

Arts and Business Co-op - a direct entry program through which students complete their honours major and core Arts and Business courses in areas such as accounting, economics, languages, history, political science, business management, and leadership training. Five paid work terms alternate with academic terms on a four-month rotation. All students spend eight months on campus during their first year.

There are four optional specializations available for Arts and Business Co-op students:

Digital Arts Communication
Global Engagement
Human Resources Management
International Trade

Germanic and Slavic majors have worked in a variety of co-op jobs while completing their Honours degree: for example, at

- Maple Leaf International
- Siemens AG
- Masterlife Corporation
- Harlequin Enterprises Ltd.
- Industry Canada
- Henkel Cosmetics GmbH
- Canadian International Development

For more information about Germanic and Slavic Studies, please visit:

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