

SLAVIC LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES PHD

Degree Requirements

The following requirements are in addition to, or further elaborate upon, those requirements outlined in The Graduate School Policy Guide (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/tgs/academic-policies-procedures/>).

Master's

The Slavic Languages and Literatures Department does not offer a terminal MA degree. The MA degree is awarded to students in the PhD program who meet the MA requirements.

Total Units Required: 8-9

Course	Title
Core Courses	
SLAVIC 360-0 or SLAVIC 361-0	Survey of 19th Century Russian Poetry Survey of 20th Century Russian Poetry
SLAVIC 411-0	Proseminar
SLAVIC 434-0 or SLAVIC 430-0	Studies in 18th Century Russian Lit Studies in Old Russian Literature

Other department courses or approved related courses: 5-6

Other MA Degree Requirements

- **Examinations:** article-length written work and oral presentation
- **Research/Projects:** none specified
- **Master's Thesis:** students will write an article-length article with a strong argument and deliver it as a paper with effective presentation.

PhD

Total Units Required: 19

Coursework Requirements

Course	Title
Core Courses	
SLAVIC 360-0	Survey of 19th Century Russian Poetry
SLAVIC 361-0	Survey of 20th Century Russian Poetry
SLAVIC 411-0	Proseminar
SLAVIC 430-0	Studies in Old Russian Literature
SLAVIC 434-0	Studies in 18th Century Russian Lit
SLAVIC 436-0	Studies in 19th Century Russian Lit.
SLAVIC 438-0	Studies in 20th-Century Russian Literature (1900-1930s)

Other department courses: 6

Seminars (300- and 400-level): 6

Other PhD Degree Requirements

- **Examinations:** comprehensive written examinations generally given in winter quarter of third year; exams cover all periods and genres of Russian literature and Russian intellectual history; students with master's degree from another institution or with exceptionally strong background may take exams in second year; after successful completion of written exams, students take two-hour oral exam
- **Research/Projects:** in second year, students choose professor with whom to rework paper written for a previous seminar; paper is reworked into publishable article and presented orally to students and faculty in spring of second year

- **PhD Dissertation:** fourth-year students must present preview of dissertation orally to students and faculty of department; dissertation proposal due beginning of fourth year
- **Final Evaluations:** approval of dissertation
- **Languages:** Each first-year student must take a diagnostic Russian language placement test, prepared and administered by the language coordinator. Studying a foreign language in addition to Russian is desired and encouraged, but not required.