

# GERMAN & SLAVIC STUDIES

## What is German & Slavic Studies?

Studying German, Ukrainian, Russian and Polish teaches cultural literacy by providing language competency and a knowledge of texts, films and other forms of cultural representation. Knowledge of German and Slavic languages and culture is an invaluable tool in today's globalized world for critically understanding, communicating and connecting different cultures, histories and societies.

## What is unique about German & Slavic Studies at the UM?

The Department of German and Slavic Studies at the University of Manitoba offers a wide variety of language and culture courses on all levels in German (B.A. General, Advanced, Honours) Polish (Minor), Russian (B.A. General, Minor) and Ukrainian (B.A. General, Minor). We also offer introductory language courses in Hungarian. Culture courses are often offered in English, many of them fulfill the English Writing Requirement, and can be done with knowledge of English only. Some advanced literature and culture courses are taught in the target language.

Our interdisciplinary and intercultural curriculum is one of the most advanced Cultural Studies programs in German and Slavic studies in Canada, teaching critical thinking and transcultural competency together with concrete language skills and specific knowledge of the cultures represented in our department. Many of our students opt to select a double major or minor in combination with another major.

We offer the only Honours degree in German on the Prairies, and the only M.A. in German and in Slavic Studies (with Ukrainian or Russian specialization).

As a relatively small department, all degree undergraduate and graduate students receive close mentorship and meet on a regular basis with their instructors and advisors. Students have been very successful in recent years in receiving internal and external grants and scholarships.

We offer a number of exchange, work-abroad, travel-programs and co-op programs (often with considerable scholarship funding) with our partners in Germany, Hungary, Poland and Ukraine.

The Department has active student associations in all of its areas (German, Polish, Russian, Ukrainian) that organize numerous events throughout the year. Meeting and work space is available in "The German and Slavic Student Room", a unique space for undergraduate students in the department.

Acquiring language and culture skills and abroad experience will prepare you for a wide range of job opportunities and distinguish you from other applicants!

## Program Options

B.A. Honours Program - 4 years  
B.A. Double Honours Program - 4 years  
B.A. Advanced Major - 4 years  
B.A. Advanced Double Major - 4 years  
German  
B.A. General Major - 3 years  
German  
Russian  
Ukrainian  
Minor  
German  
Polish  
Russian  
Ukrainian

Co-op option available in the German Single Honours and German Single Advanced Major programs.

## Career Opportunities

Citizenship and Immigration Agent  
Foreign Communication Analyst  
Global Public Relations Specialist  
International Student Life Officer  
Interpreter  
Lexicographer  
Museum & Public Culture Educator  
Visitor Services Agent

The degree can also be a stepping stone to job opportunities that require further education such as diplomat, lawyer, teacher or translator.