

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

**Admissions to the East Central European Languages, Literatures, and Cultures Certificate have been suspended as of fall 2023 and will be discontinued as of fall 2027. If you have any questions, please contact the department.**

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 (ECELLC)** is your gateway!

- Only 15 credits required to complete;
- 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.

## HOW TO GET IN

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## REQUIREMENTS

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:	
LITTRANS 207	Slavic Science Fiction through Literature and Film
LITTRANS 208	The Writings of Vaclav Havel: Critique of Modern Society
LITTRANS 215	Polish Literature in Translation: 14th to the Mid-19th Century
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	The Vampire in Literature and Film
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

**Total Credits** **15**

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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.

## 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

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) for Czech
- Łukasz Wodzyński (lukasz.wodzynski@wisc.edu) for Polish

For other undergraduate concerns or to declare the certificate, please contact our undergraduate advisor:

Joanna Schuth, Undergraduate Advisor  
jschuth@wisc.edu (undergrad@wisc.edu)  
836 Van Hise Hall

Make an appointment through Starfish (<https://wisc.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops/dl/instructor/serviceCatalog.html?bookmark=connection/25714/schedule>)

graduate school applications, and connect with supportive alumni and even employers in the fields that inspire them.

- SuccessWorks (<https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/>)
- Set up a career advising appointment (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/>)
- Enroll in a Career Course (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/career-courses/>) – a great idea for first- and second-year students:
  - INTER-LS 210 L&S Career Development: Taking Initiative (1 credit)
  - INTER-LS 215 Communicating About Careers (3 credits, fulfills Comm B General Education Requirement)
- Learn about internships and internship funding (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/finding-a-job-or-internship/>)
  - INTER-LS 260 Internship in the Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Activate your Handshake account (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/handshake/>) to apply for jobs and internships from 200,000+ employers recruiting UW-Madison students
- Learn about the impact SuccessWorks has on students' lives (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/about/mission/>)

### PEOPLE

#### POLISH ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Łukasz Wodzyński

#### SENIOR LECTURER

Ewa Miernowska

#### LECTURER

Krzysztof Borowski

#### PROFESSOR EMERIT

Halina Filipowicz

#### CZECH PROFESSOR

David Danaher\*

*\*unit head*

## L&S CAREER RESOURCES

Every L&S major opens a world of possibilities. SuccessWorks (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/>) at the College of Letters & Science helps students turn the academic skills learned in their major, certificates, and other coursework into fulfilling lives after graduation, whether that means jobs, public service, graduate school or other career pursuits.

In addition to providing basic support like resume reviews and interview practice, SuccessWorks offers ways to explore interests and build career skills from their very first semester/term at UW all the way through graduation and beyond.

Students can explore careers in one-on-one advising, try out different career paths, complete internships, prepare for the job search and/or