As a language and literature department, we are by our very nature diverse. Below is a list of our activities that engage a wide range of different people in our classrooms and through our outreach events:

- Every year we host an Olympiada of Spoken Russian for WA state high-school students studying the Russian language.
- In addition to course offerings in Russian and East European literature, we’ve recently offered courses in Jewish literature, Czech women writers, the Georgian language and bilingualism. Our new assistant professors intend to increase the comparative nature of our literature and film offerings. This has increased and will continue increase the diversity of our student body, both in regard to race and age.
- With the help of the Polish community in Seattle, associate professor Katarzyna Dziwirek organized a series of lectures by Polish-Americans meant to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Polish language instruction at the UW. The series included a wide range of speakers and highlighted the contributions Polish-Americans have made to this country in such areas as film, architecture, astronomy, poetry and literature and finance.
- This year we will expand our annual Sts. Cyril and Methodius Day celebration. The organizers of this Slavic Fest represent many different cultures and include Bosnian, Croatian and Serbian members. This all day events will have the children of once belligerent countries showing their flags, marching and singing together, and offering countries information tables.
- Every year the Slavic Department has a high rate of faculty and staff participation in World Languages Day. A sampling of recent presentations includes Czech singing, a Russian puppet show, Russian superstitions and How Polish are you?
- We have excellent relations with the Czech community, and this last year our annual Homecoming celebration had a Czech theme.
- We offer an evening first-year Russian course, which allows non-traditional students to start study Russian in a rigorous college-level environment.
- The undergraduate student advisor regularly sets up a Slavic Languages and Literatures information booth at events such as DawgDaze and Plan-A-Transfer Days.