

The National Slavic Honor Society

ДОБРО СЛОВО

Villanova University Chapter: *Epsilon Nu*

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About Dobro Slovo

A campus chapter of Dobro Slovo was established at Berkeley on Oct 29, 1926, to recognize academic excellence among Slavic students. In 1963, the National Slavic Honor Society – Dobro Slovo – was founded with the help and encouragement of the American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages (AATSEEL). The Society serves as a means for the recognition of academic excellence in the study of Slavic languages and literatures and provides incentive for scholarly interest in Slavic life and culture. The Society was patterned after existing honorary organizations in other fields. Since 1963, Dobro Slovo has steadily grown to be an internationally recognized academic Honor Society with a distinguished membership.



The Dobro Slovo Key: The name of the society is represented by the two glagolitic letters, Dobro (on the upper left corner of the key), which means "beautiful," and Slovo (on the lower right corner), which means "word." The firebird (*zharptitsa*), a well-known figure from Slavic folk tales, appears on the upper right corner of the key, representing

the ancient roots of Slavic culture. The lower left corner of the key, designed to look like a page about to be turned, represents the ongoing search through books and manuscripts in pursuit of greater understanding Slavic Language, Literature, and Culture.

Eligibility

There are three classes of membership: student, faculty and honorary. Members may be chosen from both undergraduate and graduate students and from the faculty of the local institution.

Qualifications for student membership are:

1. The student must have completed two years (or equivalent) of study of Slavic languages, literature, culture, or related subjects with a minimum average grade of 85% (B) or its letter or point equivalent.
2. The minimum overall academic average should be 80% (B) or its letter or point equivalent
3. The student must indicate an active and continuing interest in Slavic languages, literature, culture or related fields of Slavic studies.

The Chapter Faculty Advisor is responsible for determining the eligibility of all candidates.

Members Receive...

- National recognition for academic excellence
- Personalized Membership Card
- 8 ½ x 11 Membership Certificate (suitable for framing)
- A Dobro Slovo Society Key