

I. Hours and Requirements for the Major in Russian Language and Literature

Degree title: Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences

Minimum hours required for the major and supporting course work: 44 hours

General education: The LAS General Education requirements are set up so students automatically complete the Campus General Education requirements.

Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours

Departmental distinction: To be considered for departmental distinction, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average.

Course Requirements

Russian language: A minimum of 12 hours beyond RUSS 201-202:

RUSS 301—Third Year Russian I
RUSS 302—Third Year Russian II
RUSS 305—Business Russian
RUSS 333—Russian for Heritage Learners
RUSS 401—Fourth Year Russian I
RUSS 402—Fourth Year Russian II
RUSS 407—Structure of Russian
RUSS 408—Russ Phonetics & Pronunciation

The language requirement may also be satisfied with a proficiency examination. A student who places beyond the fourth year of Russian language is exempt from the language requirements for the major. Please contact the Russian Language Coordinator to schedule a proficiency exam.

Russian Literature: A minimum of 24 hours is required.

Introduction to Slavic Studies (3 hours):

UKR 113—Ukrainian Culture
SLAV 117—Russian & East European Science Fiction
SLAV 120—Slavic Folklore

Or choose from a list of 100-level introductory courses maintained by the undergraduate advisor.

Survey courses (6 hours):

RUSS 219—Russian Cinema Survey

RUSS 220—19thC Russian Lit Survey
RUSS 225—Russian Lit Since 1917

Or choose from a list of 200-level survey courses maintained by the undergraduate advisor.

Author courses (6 hours):

RUSS 320—Russian Writers
RUSS 322—Dostoevsky
RUSS 323—Tolstoy
RUSS 325—Chekhov
RUSS 335—Nabokov

Or choose from a list of 300-level author courses maintained by the undergraduate advisor.

Topics courses (6 hours):

RUSS 418—18th Century Literature
RUSS 424—Russian Modernism
RUSS 438—Modern Russian Poetry
RUSS 444—Problems in Romanticism
RUSS 445—Problems in Realism
RUSS 460—Russian Cultural Studies
RUSS 461—Russia and the Other
RUSS 465—Russian-Jewish Culture
RUSS 466—Russian Women's Writing
RUSS 474—Russian Literary Translation
SLAV 419—Russian & East European Film
SLAV 420—Jewish Life-Writing
SLAV 452—Slavic Cultural Studies
SLAV 477—Fictions of the Transition
SLAV 480—Intro to Slavic Linguistics

Or choose from a list of 400-level courses maintained by the undergraduate advisor.

Senior seminar in Russian (3 hours):

RUSS 470—Russian Advanced Studies

This requirement may be fulfilled as RUSS 493: Honors Senior Thesis.

Supporting course work: A minimum of 12 hours selected from the following:

Studies in Western Culture (3 hours):

CWL 241—Masterpieces of Western Culture, I

CWL 242—Masterpieces of Western Culture, II
HIST 219—Survey of Russian History from Early Times to the Present

Electives (9 hours):

*Courses on Russia, the former Soviet Union, or East Europe (offered by such units as anthropology, art history, architecture, Asian studies, cinema studies, communications, economics, education, geography, history, music, philosophy, political science, religious studies, sociology, theatre). See the [Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center](#) for a list of current course offerings.

*200- and 300-level courses in a Slavic language other than Russian, as indicated on a list maintained by the undergraduate advisor, or 500 level Russian language courses.

*Additional course work in the Slavic Department or another literature program or department.

*A double-major or a minor in another department.

Substitutions may be made with adviser approval.

All foreign language requirements must be satisfied.

A Major Plan of Study Form must be completed and submitted to the LAS Student Affairs Office before the end of the fifth semester (60 - 75 hours). Study abroad courses may be substituted for major and minor requirements with approval of adviser.