Russian, B.A.

Learning Outcomes
By graduation, Russian majors will have:

- enhanced their language proficiency and cultural awareness of the Russian-speaking world; and
- attained skills to engage critically with histories, cultures, literatures, and other arts, and gained knowledge of the diversified Russian-speaking world (Russia, former Republics of the Soviet Union, and Southern and Western Slavs).

Overview
The Russian major leading to the B.A. degree trains students in both written and spoken Russian and in Russian literature, culture, and civilization. The department encourages students to pursue a second major (e.g., global health, history, linguistics, political science) and to develop their interests in related or complementary fields. Students interested in focusing on a broader interdisciplinary understanding of the region may earn a second major in International Studies; see B.A. in International Studies in the Catalog.

Study Abroad
The Department of Asian and Slavic Languages and Literatures offers an Intensive Summer Language Program at Plekhanov Russian University of Economics (PRUE) in Moscow, Russia. Scholarship opportunities are available and students earn University of Iowa credit. By participating in this program, students can complete the requirements for the Russian major in three years and two months.

Students live and study in the historical center of Moscow, within walking distance from famous landmarks such as Red Square, the Kremlin, the Bolshoi Theater, the State Tretyakov Gallery, and Saint Basil’s Cathedral. This immersion in Russian language and culture enables students to become fluent in the Russian language faster, enjoy an authentic Russian language and cultural experience, and make friends from around the world.

Contact the academic coordinator of the Russian program or International Programs Study Abroad for more information.

Requirements
The Bachelor of Arts with a major in Russian requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including 32 s.h. of work for the major earned in Russian courses. Students must maintain a g.p.a. of at least 2.00 in all courses for the major and in all UI courses for the major. They also must complete the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GE CLAS Core.

The B.A. with a major in Russian requires the following course work.

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the College of Education’s Teacher Education Program (TEP) in addition to the requirements for their major and all requirements for graduation. The TEP requires several College of Education courses and student teaching. Contact the Office of Student Services for details.

Students must satisfy all degree requirements and complete Teacher Education Program licensure before degree conferral.

Majors must complete designated pedagogy and linguistics courses in the department in addition to the course work required for their major.

Students who plan to use their work toward a minor in Chinese, Japanese, or Russian as academic background for earning teacher licensure should contact the Office of Student Services about requirements.

Honors

Honors in the Major

Students have the opportunity to graduate with honors in the major. They must have junior or senior standing, a g.p.a. of at least 3.33 in Russian, and a cumulative University of Iowa g.p.a. of at least 3.33 in order to enroll in the honors program in Russian.

Honors students must register for RUSS:4995 Honors. They must complete an honors project (e.g., thesis, translation, cultural studies, or research) in Russian. Students must present their work to a faculty committee as determined by their honors thesis advisor. Contact the department for more information about requirements for graduation with honors in the Russian major.

University of Iowa Honors Program

In addition to honors in the major, students have opportunities for honors study and activities through membership in the University of Iowa Honors Program. Visit Honors at Iowa to learn about the University’s honors program.

Membership in the UI Honors Program is not required to earn honors in the Russian major.

Academic Plans

Four-Year Graduation Plan

The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete by certain semesters in order to stay on the University's Four-Year Graduation Plan. Courses in the major are those required to complete the major; they may be offered by departments other than the major department.

**Before the third semester begins:** competence in first-year Russian

**Before the fifth semester begins:** competence in second-year Russian

**Before the seventh semester begins:** competence in third-year Russian, an additional course in the major, and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree

**Before the eighth semester:** competence in fourth-year Russian and two more courses in the major

During the eighth semester: enrollment in all remaining course work in the major, all remaining GE CLAS Core courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate

Financial Support

Undergraduate students have access to the following financial aid and scholarship resources. Contact the Department of Asian and Slavic Languages and Literatures for application information.

**Fairall Scholarship:** Majors who have attended and/or graduated from Iowa elementary or secondary schools may be nominated by the department to receive a Fairall Scholarship. Preference is given to Japanese studies students. Applications are available late spring, with scholarships to be awarded the following fall semester.

**Support for undergraduate study abroad:** Opportunities for undergraduates to study abroad include the Presidential Scholarships for Study Abroad and the Stanley Scholarships for International Research and Study.

Career Advancement

Training in Russian is often an important asset to careers in the natural and physical sciences, engineering, medicine, business, journalism, library and information science, and the social and military sciences. It also may be appropriate preparation for study of law or international relations as well as Russian language and literature, comparative literature, translation, and other humanistic disciplines.

Some governmental agencies are interested in job candidates who have advanced training in Russian; these agencies give preference to applicants who combine strong language proficiency with a well-rounded background in area studies. Students who develop an exceptional facility with the Russian language may pursue careers in literary and technical translation and interpretation.

The Pomerantz Career Center offers multiple resources to help students find internships and jobs.