

Russian, BA

Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts with a major in Russian requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including 31 s.h. of work for the major earned in Russian courses. Students must maintain a grade-point average of at least 2.00 in all courses for the major and in all UI courses for the major. They must also complete the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GE CLAS Core.

Students must complete RUSS:2112 Second-Year Russian II or the equivalent before they complete language requirements for the major.

The BA with a major in Russian requires the following coursework.

Requirements	Hours
Language Courses	12
Composition and Conversation Course	4
Gateway Culture Courses	6
Advanced Culture Courses	9

Language Courses

Course #	Title	Hours
All of these:		
RUSS:2112	Second-Year Russian II	4
RUSS:3111	Third-Year Russian I	4
RUSS:3112	Third-Year Russian II	4

Composition and Conversation Course

Course #	Title	Hours
This course:		
RUSS:3113	Russian Composition and Conversation	4

Gateway Culture Courses

Course #	Title	Hours
Two of these (6 s.h.):		
RUSS:1131/ WLLC:1131	Introduction to Russian Culture	3
RUSS:1132	Russia Today	3
RUSS:1531	Slavic Folklore	3
RUSS:1532	Traces of Ancient Russian Culture (IX-XVII Centuries): Vikings, Mongols, and Tsars	3
RUSS:2050/ WLLC:2050	Women From an Unknown Land: The Fight for Independence	3
RUSS:2100	Russian Mindset: Sex, Business, and Politics	3
RUSS:2110	Russian Sports: Politics, Scandal, Glory	3

Advanced Culture Courses

Course #	Title	Hours
Three of these (9 s.h.):		
RUSS:3202/ HIST:3492/ TRNS:3203/ WLLC:3202	Russian Literature in Translation 1860-1917	3
RUSS:3122/ TRNS:3122/ WLLC:3122	Tolstoy and Dostoevsky	3
RUSS:3205	Contemporary Russian Prose in Translation	3
RUSS:3224	Russian Culture Through Cinema	3

Students are urged to choose elective courses in economics, geographical and sustainability sciences, history, political science, global health studies, and international studies. Nearly every avenue of professional training and employment requires a solid background in Russian area studies. For example, criteria for U.S. government employment include substantive knowledge in history, economics, political science, sociological disciplines, scientific specialties, demography, military-related skills, and in some cases, cultural and religious background. In-depth knowledge of literature or linguistics without other substantive background may be of limited practical use in finding employment.

Teacher Licensure

Students interested in teaching in elementary and/or secondary schools should seek admission to the Teacher Education Program (TEP) in the College of Education.

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

To qualify for licensure in secondary teaching, students in the TEP complete a degree in education as well as a related College of Liberal Arts and Sciences degree. See Apply on the College of Education website for details on requirements and deadlines for applying to the College of Education and about TEP choices of majors leading to licensure.