

BA in Russian

Degree Program Description

The discipline of Russian studies involves the systematic, first-hand exploration of the language, literature, and cultures of diverse Russian-speaking countries and Russophone cultures around the world. The liberal arts foundation of this discipline prepares students for careers in a wide variety of fields, including journalism, tourism, diplomacy, and education.

Major Program Requirements

The major in Russian consists of 27 credits in Russian beyond RUSS 1200. Within these 27 hours, students will meet minimum requirements across five categories: language, culture, a 19th-century period course, a 20th-21st century period course, and one interdisciplinary course. At least one of non-language courses will be taken at the 4000 level to meet the capstone requirement. The Russian faculty encourages majors to spend a summer, semester, or year studying abroad in a Russian-speaking country, preferably after their second year of the language. In addition to University (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegree/requirements/universityrequirements/>), general education (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegree/requirements/general/educationrequirements/>), and College of Arts and Science (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/#undergraduate/text>) requirements, students must also meet the following major program requirements. All major requirements in the College of Arts and Science must be completed with grades of C- or higher unless otherwise indicated.

Major core requirements: 24 credit hours

Russian Language: Four of the following courses or their equivalents, including a minimum of two at the 3000+ level 12

RUSS 2130	Second-Year Russian I	4
RUSS 2160	Second-Year Russian II	4
RUSS 3001	Topics in Russian-General	1-3
RUSS 3130	Intermediate Russian	3
RUSS 3160	Intermediate Conversation and Composition	3
RUSS 4160	Advanced Russian Conversation	3
RUSS 3630	Russian Classics I	3
RUSS 3640	Russian Classics II	3

Russian Literature and Culture: One course from each of the four areas below, one of which must be at the 4000+ level 12

Survey course of Russian culture (required) 3

RUSS 2340	Icons and Revolutions: Russia from its Beginnings to Today	3
or RUSS 2340W	Icons and Revolutions: Russia from its Beginnings to Today - Writing Intensive	
or RUSS 2340H	Icons and Revolutions: Russia from its Beginnings to Today-Honors	
or RUSS 2340HW	Icons and Revolutions: Russia from its Beginnings to Today - Honors/Writing Intensive	

One course in 19th century literature or culture, chosen from the following: 3

RUSS 3320	Matters of Life and Death: The Fiction of Tolstoy and Dostoevsky	3
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RUSS 3380	Sinners, Saints, and Madmen: 19th Century Russian Literature	3
or RUSS 3380W	Sinners, Saints, and Madmen: 19th Century Russian Literature - Writing Intensive	

RUSS 4530	Dostoevsky	3
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RUSS 4540	Tolstoy's Fiction and Truth	3
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One course in 20th and 21st century literature or culture, chosen from the following: 3

RUSS 2350	Understanding Russia through Film	3
or RUSS 2350W	Understanding Russia through Film - Writing Intensive	

RUSS 3390	True Fictions: Russian Prose since 1900	3
or RUSS 3390W	True Fictions: Russian Prose since 1900 - Writing Intensive	

One interdisciplinary course, chosen from the following: 3

RUSS 3710	Refugee and Migration Studies: A Cultural-Historical Introduction	3
or GERMAN 3710	Refugee and Migration Studies: A Cultural-Historical Introduction	

RUSS 4840	Totalitarianism and Culture	3
or RUSS 4840W	Totalitarianism and Culture - Writing Intensive	
or RUSS 4840H	Totalitarianism and Culture - Honors	
or RUSS 4840HW	Totalitarianism and Culture - Honors/Writing Intensive	
or GERMAN 4840	Totalitarianism and Culture	

RUSS 4880	Environment and Empire in Russia and Eurasia	3
or RUSS 4880W	Environment and Empire in Russia and Eurasia - Writing Intensive	

LG_LT_CT 4850	Revolution and Media in a Global Perspective	3
or LG_LT_CT 4850H	Revolution and Media in a Global Perspective - Honors	
or LG_LT_CT 4850W	Revolution and Media in a Global Perspective - Writing Intensive	

LG_LT_CT 4940	SLLC Global Internship	1-6
or RUSS 4730	Internship in Russian	

Elective in Russian, chosen from any additional course listed above or below, or as approved by the Russian advisor 3

RUSS 2100	Classics and Iconoclasts: An Introduction to Russian Literature	3
RUSS 3005	Topics in Russian-Humanities	1-3
RUSS 4005	Topics in Russian-Humanities	1-3
RUSS 4420	Russian Poetry	3
RUSS 4430	Russian Drama	3

Semester Plan

Below is a sample plan of study, semester by semester. A student's actual plan may vary based on course choices where options are available.

First Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
RUSS 1100		6 RUSS 1200	6
ENGLSH 1000		3 Math and Quantitative Reasoning	3
Humanities		3 Missouri State Law Requirement: Social Science from Arts and Science	3

First-year orientation course		2 Behavioral Science	3
	14		15
Second Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
RUSS 2130		4 RUSS 2160	4
RUSS 2100		3 RUSS 2350	3
Biological, Physical, or Mathematical Science		3 Humanities, First Writing Intensive Course	3
Social Science		3 Biological, Physical, or Mathematical Science	3
Second Major, Minor, Certificate, or Elective		3 Second Major, Minor, Certificate, or Elective	3
	16		16
Third Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
RUSS 3130		3 RUSS 3160	3
RUSS 3390		3 Biological or Physical Science with lab	3
Humanities 2000+ from Arts and Science		3 Behavioral Science from Arts and Science	3
Second Major, Minor, Certificate, or Elective		6 Second Major, Minor, Certificate, or Elective	6
	15		15
Fourth Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
RUSS 4880		3 RUSS 4840	3
Humanities 2000+		3 Social Science 2000+	3
Second Major, Minor, Certificate, or Elective		8 Second Major, Minor, Certificate, or Elective	9
	14		15
Total Credits: 120			