The Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures and the Department of Comparative Literature offer a joint master's degree in Russian and Comparative Literature. The program enables students to concentrate in Russian literature at the graduate level while having the advantages of a comparative context. Students completing this M.A. will acquire an in-depth understanding of Russian literature and culture and will be proficient in Russian and one other foreign language. This program prepares students for further graduate study in Russian, Slavic, or comparative literature, for service with the U.S. or other government, or for employment with an international corporation.

Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (http://gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies).

Students with appropriate course backgrounds and a 3.00 junior/senior average (on a 4.00 scale) will be considered for admission. Scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) are required. It is expected that students entering this degree program will have proficiency in the Russian language and will have completed a B.A. in Russian or Comparative Literature. Students in other humanistic fields such as philosophy or history who have studied some literature and are proficient in Russian are welcome to apply.

Degree Requirements

Master of Arts (M.A.)

Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-600 Research Degree Policies. (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies)

Candidates for the M.A. degree must earn a minimum of 33 credits at the 400, 500, or 800 level of which at least 18 must be at the 500 level. There are 30 credits required in the following:

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Additional Requirements

Pass a proficiency examination in Russian
Demonstrate reading knowledge of one other foreign language

Culminating Experience

Complete an acceptable M.A. scholarly paper

Total Credits 33

Student Aid

Graduate assistantships available to students in this program and other forms of student aid are described in the Tuition & Funding (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-funding) section of The Graduate School’s website. Students on graduate assistantships must adhere to the course load limits (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gsad/gsad-900/gsad-901-graduate-assistants) set by The Graduate School.

A number of teaching assistantships are available in the Departments of Comparative Literature and Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures for students taking advanced degrees in these disciplines. There is also a graduate assistant position for an editorial assistant.

Courses

Graduate courses carry numbers from 500 to 699 and 800 to 899. Advanced undergraduate courses numbered between 400 and 499 may be used to meet some graduate degree requirements when taken by graduate students. Courses below the 400 level may not. A graduate student may register for or audit these courses in order to make up deficiencies or to fill in gaps in previous education but not to meet requirements for an advanced degree.

Comparative Literature (CMLIT) Course List (https://bulletins.psu.edu/university-course-descriptions/graduate/cmlit)

Russian (RUS) Course List (https://bulletins.psu.edu/university-course-descriptions/graduate/rus)

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