

RUSSIAN, MINOR

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

Program Description

The Russian minor is designed for students who want to study the language, literature, and culture of Russia. Russian is spoken through the former Soviet Union and widely understood in the countries of Eastern Europe. The Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures offers an array of courses in Russian language, literature, and culture. Study abroad in Russia at St. Petersburg University under the University's study abroad program is available. For the Russian minor, students must accumulate 18 credits (9 of them at the 400 level) in Russian. The Russian minor leads to various employment opportunities. Recipients of the Russian minor have found employment with businesses having contact with the former Soviet Union, with various agencies of the U.S. government, in the educational, journalistic and publishing fields, and in the travel industry.

What is Russian?

Russian Studies is an interdisciplinary sub-field of the Humanities and Slavic Studies that pertains to linguistics, literature, arts, history, politics, and more, with a primary focus on the language, literature, and culture of historical and contemporary Russia, including the Soviet period and the Russian-speaking diaspora.

You Might Like This Program If...

- You understand the critical role that Russia plays in the world.
- You are considering an academic or professional career requiring strong training in a foreign language.
- Your major is History, Comparative Literature, International Relations, Journalism, Linguistics, or other fields in which a knowledge of Russian is advantageous.
- You want to discover the rich world of Russian literature, arts, and cinema.
- Mastering Russian is important in your field, for example, in aerospace engineering, the computer sciences, and other sciences.

Program Requirements

Requirement	Credits
Requirements for the Minor	19

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A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the minor, as specified by Senate Policy 59-10 (<http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/59-00-minors-and-certificates/#59-10>).

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
RUS 100	Russian Culture and Civilization	3
RUS 200	Intermediate Russian II	4
Additional Courses		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		

Select one of the following: 3

RUS 141Y	Russian Literature in English Translation: 1800-1870
RUS 142Y	Russian Literature in English Translation: 1870 to Present
RUS 143	The Culture of Stalinism and Nazism

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better

Select 9 credits of the following: 9

RUS 400	Senior Seminar in Russian Culture
RUS 401	Advanced Russian A
RUS 402	Advanced Russian B
RUS 403	Advanced Russian Conversation and Composition
RUS 404	Advanced Reading and Composition
RUS 405	Seminar in Russian Literature
RUS 406	Russian Film
RUS 412	Russian Translation
RUS 460	Linguistic Analysis of Contemporary Russian

Academic Advising

The objectives of the university's academic advising program are to help advisees identify and achieve their academic goals, to promote their intellectual discovery, and to encourage students to take advantage of both in-and out-of class educational opportunities in order that they become self-directed learners and decision makers.

Both advisers and advisees share responsibility for making the advising relationship succeed. By encouraging their advisees to become engaged in their education, to meet their educational goals, and to develop the habit of learning, advisers assume a significant educational role. The advisee's unit of enrollment will provide each advisee with a primary academic adviser, the information needed to plan the chosen program of study, and referrals to other specialized resources.

READ SENATE POLICY 32-00: ADVISING POLICY (<http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy>)

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<http://www.la.psu.edu/current-students/undergraduate-students/education/majors-and-minors>

Career Paths

The US Department of State designates Russian as one of the "critical languages" and the Department of Defense lists it as a strategic language. It is one of the five official languages of the UN. It also remains the unofficial lingua franca of the former Soviet republics and an indispensable communications tool across all of the Caucasus and Central Asia.

Careers

A knowledge of Russian opens the door to a variety of careers in the US government and military, international business, international relations, international law, human rights, information technology, professional translation, publishing, education, the travel industry, and more.

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