

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 in order to broaden their horizons and meet an increasing demand for people with foreign language skills and international expertise. Russian is a major world language with a rich cultural and scientific heritage. It is spoken throughout 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 select courses (at least 6 credits at the 400 level) in Russian to account for 20 credits.

The Russian minor opens employment opportunities for its graduates in fields and professions where proficiency in one or more foreign languages is desirable or required. Graduates of this program have found employment with businesses having contact with the former Soviet Union, with various agencies of the U.S. government, in the educational 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.