**Program Description**

The Russian Translation minor is designed to offer, within the context of a liberal education, specialized skills in technical translation from the Russian language. The curriculum is career-oriented and requires competence in a technical field or fields in addition to the language skill. The student will select such a field or fields in accordance with his or her special interests and in consultation both with an adviser and with persons directly involved with the field chosen.

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 Translation minor, students must take RUS 400, RUS 412, and an additional 12 credits of Russian, 3 at the 400 level and 9 at the 200 level or higher, for a total of 18 credits.

The Russian Translation minor opens employment opportunities for its graduates in fields and professions where proficiency in one or more foreign languages is desirable or required.

**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**

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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-graduate-students/59-00-minors-and-certificates/#59-10).

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**Supporting Courses and Related Areas**

Select 9 credits of Russian courses at the 200 level or higher

Select 3 credits of 400-level Russian courses

**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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