B.A. in Russian Language, Literature, and Culture

Russian language, culture, and politics play an important role beyond Central and Eastern Europe, affecting the international community as a whole. To develop an understanding of this complex country and its people, students pursuing a B.A. in Russian Language, Literature, and Culture start with intensive language study. They then build on this knowledge with diverse cultural studies, including Russian art, cinema, literature, and history. Opportunities for close relationships with acclaimed faculty and hands-on learning are at the core of this transformative experience, and allow students to develop exceptional insight into Russia and the people who reside there.

Beyond our program, students benefit from the department's close ties to the Ellison Center for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies in the Jackson School of International Studies, as well as to local Slavic communities. They also have the opportunity to take what they learn outside the classroom, by participating in study abroad, practicing their language skills at Russian Table, or attending one of our many departmental events.

Admissions and Advising

University of Washington students in good academic standing may declare the major at any time by meeting with our undergraduate adviser. To learn more about applying to the University of Washington as an incoming student, please see information for first-year students, transfer students, or postbaccalaureate students.

Major Requirements

1. RUSS 322, 323 (may be taken in any order)
2. Completion of the 3rd year of Russian language (RUSS 303) or higher. Students may satisfy the language requirement with a high level placement test. A successful placement test does not count towards the 50 credit requirement.
3. RUSS 110
4. RUSS 340 (5 credits)
5. A minimum of 15 credits from the following list of courses (no more than 5 credits may be taken at the 100 level):
   - RUSS 210: From Paganism to Christianity: Medieval Russian Mythology, Literature, and Culture
   - RUSS 223: Russian Cinema
   - RUSS 230: Masterpieces of Russian Literature
   - RUSS 240: Vladimir Nabokov
   - RUSS 313: Business Russian (Prerequisite: RUSS 203, or equivalent)
   - RUSS 324: Russian Folk Literature in English
   - RUSS 420: Topics in Russian Literary and Cultural History
   - RUSS 421: Post-Soviet Literary and Cultural Scene
   - RUSS 422: Russian Literature in Emigration and Exile
   - RUSS 423: Russian Film
   - RUSS 424: Topics in Ethnicity and Cultural Identity
● RUSS 425: Russian Drama
● RUSS 426: Russian Art and Architecture
● RUSS 427: Russian Jewish Experience
● RUSS 430: Major Authors
● RUSS 481, 482, 483, 486: Study Abroad (see advisor)
● RUSS 490: Studies in Russian Literature
● SLAVIC 110: The Slavic Languages
● SLAVIC 210: Introduction to Bilingualism
● SLAVIC 223: East European Cinema
● SLAVIC 320: The Other Europe: Post-World War II East European Fiction
● SLAVIC 323: Masterpieces of East European Cinema
● SLAVIC 351: Introduction to the History of Slavic Languages (Prerequisite: LING 200**)
● SLAVIC 401: Research Methods and Writing
● SLAVIC 423: East European Film
● SLAVIC 425: Ways of Meaning: Universal & Culture Specific Aspects of Language
● SLAVIC 426: Ways of Feeling: Expressions of Emotions Across Languages & Cultures
● SLAVIC 470: Special Topics in Slavic Linguistics
● SLAVIC 490: Studies in Slavic Literatures
● SLAVIC 498: Senior Honors Thesis
● HSSTEU 444/JSIS A 444: Imperial Russia: 1700-1900
● HSSTEU 445/JSIS A 445: The Rise and Fall of the Soviet Union

6. A minimum of 50% of credits applied to the major must be taken at the 300 or 400 level.
7. A minimum grade of 2.0 in each course and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 for all UW and transfer courses presented for this major.
8. A minimum of 15 graded credits presented for this major must be completed through the UW.

Please note: The University of Washington requires a minimum of 50 credits for all majors. Students who test out of Slavic Department language requirements must still complete 50 credits appropriate to the Russian Language, Literature, and Culture major, and should select alternate courses with the assistance of the undergraduate adviser.

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