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 an adviser in the Humanities Academic Services Center. 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 110 (5 credits)
2. RUSS 301, 302, and 303; OR RUSS 350 (15 credits)
   One ore more of these language courses may be satisfied by taking placement exam and testing out of them. A successful placement exam does not count towards the 50-credit requirement.
3. RUSS 322, 323 (10 credits, may be taken in any order)
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 111, 112, 113: First-Year Medical Russian
   - RUSS 120: Topics in Russian Literary and Cultural History
   - RUSS 210: From Paganism to Christianity: Medieval Russian Mythology, Literature, and Culture
   - RUSS 220: Topics in Russian Literary and Cultural History
   - RUSS 223: Russian Cinema
   - RUSS 230: Masterpieces of Russian Literature
   - RUSS 240: Vladimir Nabokov
   - RUSS 260: Underworlds
   - RUSS 313, 314: Business Russian
   - RUSS 316: Extended Russian Through Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math
   - RUSS 320: Topics in Russian Literary and Cultural History
RUSS 324: Russian Folk Literature in English
RUSS 401, 402, 403: Fourth-Year Russian
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 450: Intensive Fourth-Year Russian
RUSS 451: Structure of Russian
RUSS 481, 482, 483, 486: Study Abroad (see adviser)
RUSS 490: Studies in Russian Literature
SLAVIC 101: Slavic Lands and Peoples
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
SLAVIC 370: What is in a Language Name? The Case of BCMS
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
HSTEU 444/JSIS A 444: Imperial Russia: 1700-1900
HSTEU 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 cumulative GPA of 2.0 for all 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 an adviser in the Humanities Academic Services Center.

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