

Russian Studies

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Program of Study

Students who major in Russian Studies gain a thorough grounding in selected aspects of the history, literature, politics, economics, and cultural and social life of Russia and the former Russian/Soviet empire (including Ukraine and Belarus, Central Asia, the Caucasus, and the Baltic states), as well as acquiring competence in the Russian language. The BA program in Russian Studies can provide an appropriate background for careers in business, journalism, government, teaching, or the nonprofit sector, or for graduate study in one of the social sciences disciplines. Students planning on going on to graduate study in one of the social sciences may wish to take the Honors option and write a BA thesis under the mentorship of one of the Russian Studies faculty.

Program Requirements

Before entering the program in Russian Studies, students are expected to have completed a year of Russian language through College course work (eligible students may petition for partial credit). They are also expected to have taken the two-course sequence in Russian civilization (SOSC 24000-24100) that may be used to meet the general education requirement in civilization studies.

The program requires three additional courses in Russian language and eight further courses dealing with Russia, at least four of which must be courses in the social sciences, and three of which may be third- or fourth-year Russian.

Summary of Requirements

0–2	SOSC 24000-24100 (if not taken to meet general education requirement)
3	RUSS 20100-20200-20300 (second-year Russian)*
4	courses in social sciences dealing with Russia
4	additional courses dealing with Russia
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* *Or credit for the equivalent as determined by petition.*

Grading. Students majoring in Russian Studies must take program requirements for a quality grade. With consent of instructor, other students may take Russian Studies courses for *P/F* grading.

Honors. Students wishing to apply for honors must have at least a 3.25 GPA overall and a 3.5 GPA in the major. In order to be considered for honors, students must write a BA thesis in consultation with the Russian Studies honors committee.

Students intending to write the BA thesis should meet with the Program Chair no later than Spring Quarter of their third year. RUSS 29900 will be allowed as an elective within the major.

Faculty

R. Bird, S. Fitzpatrick, L. Grenoble, M. Jackson, J. Leitzel, S. Markus, B. Maslov, E. Raikhel, L. Steiner, Y. Tsivian

Courses: History (HIST)

13900-14000. Introduction to Russian Civilization I, II. (=RUSS 25100-25200, SOSC 24000-24100) *Taking these courses in sequence is recommended but not required. This sequence meets the general education requirement in civilization studies.* J. Fein, R. Applebaum. *Autumn, Winter.*

23604. Russia under the Western Eye. (=RUSS 27305) *Semyonov.* *Spring.*

23705. Imperial Russia. *Smith.* *Spring.*

25806. History of Caucasus. *Khodarkovsky.* *Spring.*

Courses: Russian (RUSS)

Language

10100-10200-10300. First-Year Russian I, II, III. Conversation practice is held twice a week. *Autumn, Winter, Spring.*

10400-10500-10600. Russian through Pushkin I, II, III. *Not open to students who have taken RUSS 10100-10200-10300.* Conversation practice is held twice a week. *Autumn, Winter, Spring.*

20100-20200-20300. Second-Year Russian I, II, III. *PQ: RUSS 10300 or consent of instructor.* Conversation practice is held twice a week. *Autumn, Winter, Spring.*

20400-20500-20600. Russian through Literary Readings: Second Year I, II, III. *PQ: RUSS 10600.* Conversation practice is held twice a week. *Autumn, Winter, Spring.*

20702-20802-20902. Third-Year Russian through Culture I, II, III. *PQ: RUSS 20300 (two years of Russian) or equivalent.* Classes conducted in Russian; some aspects of grammar explained in English. Drill practice is held twice a week. *V. Pichugin.* *Autumn, Winter, Spring.*

21002-21102-21202. Fourth-Year Russian through Short Story I, II, III. *PQ: Three years of Russian or equivalent.* Classes conducted in Russian. Conversation practice is held twice a week. *Autumn, Winter, Spring.*

21302-21402-21502. Advanced Russian through Media I, II, III. *PQ: RUSS 21200 or consent of instructor.* Classes conducted in Russian. Conversation practice is held twice a week. *V. Pichugin.* *Autumn, Winter, Spring.*

21600. Russian for Heritage Learners. *PQ: Ability to speak Russian fluently required; formal training in Russian not required.* All work in Russian. *Autumn.*

Literature and Linguistics

22302/32302. War and Peace. (=FNDL 27103, ISHU 22304) *PQ: Consent of instructor.* All work in English. *L. Steiner.* *Spring.*

24000/34000. Nabokov. M. Sternstein. *Spring.*

25100-25200. Introduction to Russian Civilization I, II. (=HIST 13900-14000, SOSC 24000-24100) *Taking these courses in sequence is recommended but not required. This sequence meets the general education requirement in civilization studies. This course is offered in alternate years.* J. Fein, R. Applebaum. *Autumn, Winter.*

25200/35200. Russian Literature to 1600. *PQ: Knowledge of Russian.* *Winter.*

25400/35400. Eighteenth-Century Russian Literature. *Spring.*

25500/35500. Russian Literature from Classicism to Romanticism. (=HUMA 24000, ISHU 22400) Texts in English and the original. Optional Russian-intensive section offered. *Autumn.*

25600/35600. Realism in Russia. (=HUMA 24100, ISHU 23100/33100) Texts in English and the original. Optional Russian-intensive section offered. *Winter.*

25700/35700. Russian Literature from Modernism to Post-Modernism. (=HUMA 22600, ISHU 22600) Texts in English. *Spring.*

27305. Russia under the Western Eye. (=HIST 23604) *Semyonov.* *Spring.*

28300/38300. Russian Symbolism. *R. Bird.* *Winter.*

28400/38400. Symbolism, Acmeism, and Futurism. *Winter.*

Courses: Social Sciences (SOSC)

24000-24100. Introduction to Russian Civilization I, II. (=HIST 13900-14000, RUSS 25100-25200) *Taking these courses in sequence is recommended but not required. This sequence meets the general education requirement in civilization studies. This course is offered in alternate years.* J. Fein, R. Applebaum. *Autumn, Winter.*

29700. Independent Study in the Social Sciences. *PQ: Consent of instructor and senior adviser. Students are required to submit the College Reading and Research Course Form. Autumn, Winter, Spring.*

29900. BA Paper in Russian Civilization. *PQ: Consent of instructor and program chairman. Students are required to submit the College Reading and Research Course Form. Summer, Autumn, Winter, Spring.*