

RUSSIAN STUDIES, MINOR

Saint Louis University's Russian studies minor requires at least three years of Russian along with a study of literature and culture. It can prepare students for immersion in Russian and for research in this language, which has a significant global presence with as many as 150 million native speakers worldwide.

With a range of electives from which to choose, students in a variety of disciplines such as international business, computer science, political science, and history have found the Russian studies minor a strong career asset. Film viewings, lectures, symposia, Russian club events, and excursions around town supplement the curriculum, and students have been successful in obtaining scholarships for summer and study abroad programs.

Students interested in studying abroad can explore a SLU-sponsored Bard-Smolny Program in St. Petersburg, Russia through the University's Office for International Services (<https://www.slu.edu/study-abroad/>).

Graduates from the Russian studies program have gone on to prestigious graduate programs in Russian and East European studies, diplomacy, social work, and medicine, as well as to serve in the armed services.

Requirements

The minor in Russian Studies explores the language, literature, and culture of this vast region of the globe with the completion of 18 credits (six courses) at the 3XXX and 4XXX levels. No single course may fulfill more than one Russian minor requirement, and coursework is distributed as follows:

Code	Title	Credits
Required Course		
RUSS 3250	Russia From Peter to Putin: Imperial, Soviet, and Post-Soviet Culture	3
Russian Literature in Translation		3
Select a 3000-level from the following:		
RUSS 3200	Saints and Sinners in Russian Literature and Film: 19 c.	
RUSS 3320	Dostoevsky Through the Centuries	
RUSS 3330	Lev Tolstoy: Writer, Soldier, Lover, Activist	
RUSS 3350	Chekhov as Dramatist: Performance, Adaptations, and Intermedial Transpositions	
RUSS 3360	In Prisons Dark: Confinement Literature in the Russian and Soviet Empires	
RUSS 3440	Art, Media, & Power in Post-Soviet Russia	
Russian Language		6
Select two courses from the following:		
RUSS 3010	Oral and Written Proficiency in Russian I	
RUSS 3020	Oral and Written Proficiency in Russian II	
RUSS 3060	Russian Readings & Digital Resources in Cultural Contexts	
Russian Elective Courses		6
Select two from the following (at least 3 credits must be at the 4XXX level):		
RUSS 3060	Russian Readings & Digital Resources in Cultural Contexts	

RUSS 3200	Saints and Sinners in Russian Literature and Film: 19 c.	
RUSS 3330	Lev Tolstoy: Writer, Soldier, Lover, Activist	
RUSS 3350	Chekhov as Dramatist: Performance, Adaptations, and Intermedial Transpositions	
RUSS 3360	In Prisons Dark: Confinement Literature in the Russian and Soviet Empires	
RUSS 3440	Art, Media, & Power in Post-Soviet Russia	
RUSS 3930	Special Topics	
RUSS 4010	Fluency in Russian	
RUSS 4400	Pragmatics of Conversation	
RUSS 4510	The Russian Orthodox	
HIST 3290	Russia Since 1905	
PHIL 4740	Philosophy of Karl Marx	
Total Credits		18

Continuation Standards

All Russian studies courses for the minor must be completed with a grade of 'C' or higher in order to count for the minor. If a student earns a grade of 'C-' or lower in a course, the student may retake the course or take an additional course in the minor in which the grade earned is a 'C' or higher.