

RUSSIAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE MAJOR

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The undergraduate major in Russian Language and Literature consists of 40 credits beyond the prerequisite of Elementary Russian (RUSS101, RUSS102 or equivalent). Many students pursue a double major or double degree in Russian and another discipline, such as international relations, business, history, economics, journalism, engineering, etc. Russian students have the opportunity to live in St. Mary's Language House, and the majority of majors participate in study abroad. Native or heritage speakers wishing to enroll in Russian courses or major in Russian should consult the undergraduate advisor. Students interested in enrolling in a course that appears closed or that has a waitlist are strongly encouraged to contact the faculty member or undergraduate advisor for Russian for permission to enroll.

Placement in Courses

When registering for a Russian course for the first time, the system will require that you have taken the World Language Placement. For information about the World Language Placement, go to: <http://arhu.umd.edu/academics/world-language-placement/>. Please consult with the Russian advisor or Program Head, as well.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Russian majors will be able to communicate effectively in spoken Russian in a broad range of everyday situations and contexts.
2. Russian majors will communicate effectively in written Russian in essays on a range of topics.
3. Russian majors will demonstrate fundamental knowledge of the culture(s) of the Russian Federation (literature, history, art, cuisine, traditions, etc.).

REQUIREMENTS

Students must take language-acquisition courses sequentially. Once credit has been received in a higher level language acquisition or grammar course, a lower level course may not be taken for credit.

Course	Title	Credits
College Requirements (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-humanities/#collegerequirementstext)		
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RUSS201	Intermediate Russian I	5
RUSS202	Intermediate Russian II	5
RUSS301	Advanced Russian I	3
RUSS302	Advanced Russian II	3
RUSS 3xx	One additional course at the 3xx level	3
RUSS401	Advanced Russian Composition	3
RUSS402	Practicum in Written Russian	3
RUSS4xx	Select one additional course at the 4xx level	3
RUSS	Two RUSS electives	6

Select two RUSS3xx or RUSS4xx level electives ¹	6
Total Credits	40

¹ Must be taught in Russian

Notes: One supporting course outside the department (at the 3xx or 4xx level) may be counted toward the major with an advisor's prior approval.

Students must earn a grade of "C-" or higher in each course applied toward a major or minor in the School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. Additionally, an overall GPA of 2.0 in a major or minor is required for graduation.

GRADUATION PLANS

Click here (<https://www.arhu.umd.edu/academics/advising/academic-plans/>) for roadmaps for graduation plans in the College of Arts and Humanities.

Additional information on developing a graduation plan can be found on the following pages:

- <http://4yearplans.umd.edu>
- the Student Academic Success-Degree Completion Policy (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/registration-academic-requirements-regulations/academic-advising/#success>) section of this catalog

OPPORTUNITIES

Study Abroad

Students majoring in Russian Studies are encouraged to spend a summer or a semester abroad. For information on study abroad programs see <http://globalmaryland.umd.edu/offices/education-abroad/>.