Duluth Campus

Russian Area Studies Minor

World Languages & Cultures

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

- Program Type: Undergraduate free-standing minor
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2017
- Required credits in this minor: 15 to 31
- This program requires summer terms.
- All courses in this program are offered through UMD. The program includes an optional UMD study abroad component offered in St. Petersburg, Russia. Courses may be taken at the College of St. Scholastica through inter-institutional cross-registration.

The Russian Area Studies Minor program prepares students for life-long engagement with the cultures of Russian-speaking countries by providing in-depth cultural training. This program complements Liberal Arts, Fine Arts, Business, Science, and Human Services degrees by offering students the linguistic skills and cultural awareness required for a wide variety of careers that deal with Russian society. Career paths that would benefit from this minor include law, public service, journalism, business, health and human services, diplomacy and academic careers in history, linguistics, cultural studies and comparative literature. This program also provides students with intercultural awareness and an in-depth understanding of the role played by Russian-speaking countries in international relations.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Minor Requirements

1. To fulfill this minor students must complete coursework in beginning and intermediate level Russian language, as well as 15 elective credits from the list below. (Students with previous language study may be exempt from some core requirements and should consult the department about placement.)

2. Two elective courses must be taken at UMD.

Beginning Russian (0-8 cr)

The core program develops students' language skills (listening, speaking, reading, writing).

Take 0 - 8 credit(s) from the following:

- RUSS 1101 *{Inactive}*[LE CAT] (4.0 cr)
- RUSS 1102 *{Inactive}*[LE CAT, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)

or **Abroad Experience**

FORS 1110 *{Inactive}*[COMM & LAN] (8.0 cr)

Intermediate Russian (0-8 cr)

Students must complete one of the following options for 8 credits. The study abroad option is available during the summer for 8 credits.

Intermediate Russian Language at the College of St. Scholastica

(through inter-institutional cross-registration)

Intermediate Russian language sequence (8 cr)

or **Abroad Experience**

FORS 1210 *{Inactive}*[COMM & LAN] (8.0 cr)

Electives (15 cr)

Some elective courses may be transferred from another college or earned abroad with approval from the RAS director. At least two courses must be taken at UMD. Any RUSS 3xxx level course will apply here.

Take 15 or more credit(s) from the following:

- HIST 3265 - The Soviet Experiment: Russia, the USSR, and Contemporary Russia [LE CAT7, LEIP CAT07, GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)
- HIST 3264 - Russian Empire under the Tsars: Russia under the Romanovs from Peter the Great to Lenin [GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)
- RUSS 2316 *{Inactive}*[LE CAT] (4.0 cr)
- RUSS 3402 *{Inactive}*(4.0 cr)
- RUSS 3405 *{Inactive}*(4.0 cr)

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