

Interested in This Major?

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Why Study Russian?

Russian is a rich Slavic language. One of the five official languages of the United Nations, it has more than 200 million speakers in all corners of the world.

Do politics and international relations excite you?

Demand for Russian language skills is high in both government and business.

Russia has a complex political scene that is changing constantly. Combining the study of Russian language and culture with coursework in economics, government, and history is excellent preparation for a career in diplomacy, foreign trade, and government service. Russia is the world's largest country in land mass and still wields tremendous world influence because of its vast natural resources and its work in aerospace.

The U.S. Department of State has declared Russian a "critical language."

Do you love the arts?

Russian artists such as Chagall and Kandinsky, writers such as Dostoevsky and Tolstoy, and composers such as Tchaikovsky and Prokofiev make Russian culture a wonderful focus of study. A knowledge of Russian language and culture allows students to study the arts in their original form and gain a deeper appreciation for them.

Do you see your future in international business? Many international corporations have interests and operations in Russia. Graduates with skills in Russian language are valued assets to employers looking to expand operations in this part of the world.

Russian Studies At UWM

The field of Russian Studies teaches you about the language, culture and literature of Russia. Students learn about Russian politics, lifestyles and traditions through courses that span several departments including economics, geography, history and political science. They study all periods of Russia's 1000-year history and learn about life in medieval and Soviet times, as well as Russia's place in the modern world.

Major And Minor Requirements

Majors and minors complete a four-semester introductory language sequence. Students with prior knowledge of Russian may take a test to advance beyond part or all of the introductory language courses. Coursework through the fourth-semester level provides a full range of language development – listening comprehension, speaking, reading and writing.

The minor is 18 credits beyond the first four semesters of language coursework while the major is 30 credits beyond the introductory language courses. Required classes are:

Course #	Course Title
Russian 310	Advanced Russian Reading and Conversation: (Subtitle)
Russian 311	Contemporary Russian Language: (Subtitle)
Russian 391 or	Russian Literature and Culture in Translation: (Subtitle)
Russian 699	Supervised Individual Reading

The remaining classes are chosen from a list of approved electives, including cross-listed classes from economics, English, geography, history, international studies, linguistics, Polish and political science. Please contact the program coordinator for the most up-to-date list of approved courses.

Minors complete:

Course #	Course Title
Russian 310	Advanced Russian Reading and Conversation: (Subtitle)
Russian 311	Contemporary Russian Language: (Subtitle)
12 credits of approved electives	

Related Certificate

The Russian and East European Studies (REES) Certificate Program is similar to the minor in Russian but is open to students in other degree programs at UWM or community members seeking additional credentials in this subject area. This program focuses on training in Slavic and other East European languages and societies, including Polish, Russian, Serbo-Croatian and, on occasion, Ukrainian. All students who complete the requirements for the Russian major or minor also receive the REES Certificate.

Students interested in the certificate instead of the major should consult with Professor Christine Evans in the Department of History at evansce@uwm.edu.

Career Opportunities

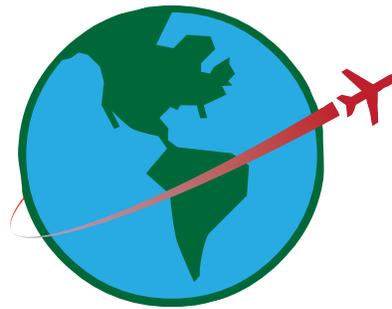
A Russian major prepares students for many different kinds of jobs. Popular career choices include diplomacy, intelligence, security consulting, journalism, business, translation, international relations, and teaching. A degree in Russian also is excellent preparation for graduate school programs in:

- Anthropology
- Archaeology
- Museum Work
- Economics
- Cartography
- Teaching
- History

The benefits of a liberal arts major, such as Russian, include the ability to adapt to many different careers. The degree includes broad world knowledge due to the diversity of classes.

Scholarships and Grants

The U.S. government has designated Russian a “critical language” and funds dozens of scholarship and grant programs aimed at increasing the number of American students studying Russian. These include scholarships and grants for study abroad in Russia and financial aid incentives for Russian majors. Consult the department for more information on current financial aid opportunities.



Study Abroad

Russian majors and minors are strongly encouraged to complete a study abroad experience, whether it is a few weeks during the summer or an entire academic year. Transfer credits from an

approved study abroad program can be applied to the Russian major requirements.

Working with the University of Wyoming and Saratov State University, UWM offers a six-week summer program in Saratov, Russia, 450 miles southeast of Moscow. The program includes 75 hours of intensive language training at Saratov State University, a home-stay with a Russian family, several weekly excursions, travel to Moscow and St. Petersburg, and a cruise down the Volga River. Students earn six UWM Russian language credits. For more information, see: <http://uwadmnweb.uwyo.edu/saratovstudy/>.

Other programs are located in St. Petersburg, Moscow and Vladimir.

More information about study abroad in Russia is available from the Russian program and UWM's Center for International Education.

Double Major

Because of the flexibility of the Russian major, many students find it relatively easy to double major in another discipline. There are many complementary programs depending on the student's career goals, including history, art history, business, anthropology, communication, journalism, economics, political science, geography, conservation sciences, international studies, global studies, linguistics, music, dance, and sociology.

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This sample four-year plan shows just one possible pathway to earning a degree with this major in four years. This plan **does not** replace the advice of your advisor, and students are cautioned to meet regularly with their advisor to create a personalized plan that matches their particular circumstances. This plan also follows the degree requirements for students who began their college education in Fall of 2013 or later. If you started college prior to Fall of 2013, your degree requirements may be different.

Degree Requirements (brief summary):

- English Proficiency and UWM Oral and Written Communication (OWC) GER - English 102 (fulfills Part A) and one OWC-Part B course.
- Math Proficiency, UWM Quantitative Literacy (QL) GER, and Formal Reasoning – two courses can satisfy all three requirements. Some courses have prerequisites, however, so a student may end up taking more than two total classes depending on his/her placement test scores. Students will usually take Math 103, 105, or 108 AND three credits in either a 200-level or above math course, Philosophy 211, or an approved Letters & Science statistics course.
- Foreign Language – 4 semesters of a single Foreign Language (or 3 semesters of one language and 2 semesters of another language) (May be satisfied through 4 years of a single Foreign Language in high school.)
- L&S Humanities – 12 credits
- L&S Social Sciences – 12 credits
- L&S Natural Science – 12 credits including one laboratory
- L&S International – 9 credits usually accomplished in conjunction with Humanities and/or Social Science courses
- UWM Arts GER – 3 credits
- UWM Cultural Diversity GER – 3 credits usually accomplished in conjunction with a Humanities or Social Science course
- 120 credits including 90 credits in L&S and with 36 of the 90 credits in L&S upper-level (numbered above 300) courses
- Complete the Russian major requirements
 - 30 credits beyond Russian 202 with at least 15 at the 300-level or above completed at UWM
 - All of Russian 101, 102, 201, 202, 310, and 311
 - One of Russian 391 or 699
 - 9 credits Russian electives above 202
 - 12 credits Russian electives or approved cross-listed classes

Sample Four Year Plan:

There are hundreds of courses that satisfy various requirements and courses can count towards more than one requirement. For example, many Russian 300-level classes count towards the major and as a humanities. (This sample assumes no high school Foreign Language was taken and that the student placed into college-level math and English.)

	Semester 1	Semester 2
Year 1	English 101	L&S Natural Science
	Math 103 or 105	English 102 (OWC-A)
	Russian 101	Russian 102
	L&S Humanities, not Russian	L&S Social Science
Year 2	L&S Humanities/Cultural Diversity, not Russian	Formal reasoning course
	Russian 201	Russian 202
	L&S Social Science/ International	L&S Social Science
	L&S Natural Science with lab	L&S Natural Science
	OWC-B course	Arts GER
Year 3	QL-B course	L&S Social Science
	L&S Natural Science	Russian 311
	Russian 310	Russian elective
	Russian elective	L&S upper-level
	L&S upper-level	L&S upper-level
Year 4	Russian upper-level (HU)	Russian 391 or 699 (HU)
	Russian upper-level	Russian upper-level
	Russian or related upper-level	Russian or related upper-level
	Elective	L&S upper-level
	Elective	Elective

(HU) Humanities

(OWC) Oral and Written Communication - Part A and B

(QL) Quantitative Literacy - Part A and B

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