Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (BA)

The Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies Program is devoted to the study of the peoples living in the eastern third of Europe, throughout the northern steppes of Central Asia, and across Siberia to the Pacific Ocean. Settled over a territory that spans half the earth's time zones, these peoples have created a complex mosaic of cultures, expressed in literature and art as well as in institutions and social forms. Over the centuries, these lands have come under the sway of several great world-historical civilizations and empires: the Byzantine, Mongolian, Ottoman Turkish, Holy Roman, Austro-Hungarian, Russian, and Soviet. These lands have felt the influence of Orthodox Christianity, Catholicism, Protestantism, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism and Communism. At the intersection of many powerful forces, these lands experience the historical drama of what some call "modernization" with its challenge to customary ways of life. Yet, after centuries of massive transplantation and transformation, national and ethnic heritages survive. Customary ways and native self-consciousness, more diverse than anywhere else on the globe, express themselves with new vigor.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Humanities Track: Be proficient in reading, writing, and speaking Russian (or other language of the region) consistent with completion of at least a third-year level (from novice high to intermediate high).
- Humanities Track: Have a broad general understanding of the region of Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia including its history and culture, and ability to communicate about that culture in both Russian (or other language of the region) and English. Knowledge of major historical figures, writers and other cultural figures of the region and ability to evaluate and discuss them/their work.
- Humanities Track: Identify, describe and explain materials, terminologies, and methodologies in literature, film and media of the region.
- Social Science Track: Be proficient in reading, writing, and speaking Russian consistent with completion of at least a third-year level (from novice high to intermediate high).
- Social Science Track: Have a broad general understanding of the region of Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia including its history and culture, and ability to communicate about that culture in both Russian (or other language of the region) and English. Knowledge of major historical figures, writers and other cultural figures of the region and ability to evaluate and discuss them/their work.
- Social Science Track: Identify, describe and explain important movements, terminologies, and methodologies in history, politics and religion of the region.

Fields of Concentration

The program offers the following concentrations for the undergraduate major and minor:

- Russian language, literature, and culture (humanities emphasis/field of concentration)
- Russian and East European history, politics, and society (social science emphasis/field of concentration)

Courses with these focus areas are offered by the program and such participating departments as anthropology, geography, history, political science, and sociology. Any course taken that includes instruction on one of these focus areas and has at least 40 percent Russian, East European, former Soviet Eurasian, or Slavic content, including independent research undertaken by the student, may be applied to the field of concentration requirement with administrative approval. Students may petition to the REEES Director of Undergraduate Studies to have courses taken in other disciplines count toward the concentration or elective requirement if the content of these courses meets the 40 percent standard. This applies to regularly scheduled courses and to independent reading and conference courses.

Students can view sample programs of study in the various concentrations on the program website.

Major Requirements

The major requires 36 graded credits; courses must be passed with grades of C– or better. Credits used to fulfill the language requirement may not be applied to the 36-credit requirement.

Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Language Courses		
RUSS 101–103	First-Year Russian [1]	15
RUSS 201–203	Second-Year Russian [1]	15
RUSS 316–318	Third-Year Russian [1]	15
Five Field of Concentration Courses		**20**
	At least four courses in a chosen concentration must be upper-division Elective Courses [2]	
Elective Courses [3]		**16**
Total Credits		**36**

1 Three years of college-level Slavic language study is usually fulfilled by taking Russian language courses. Students may petition to substitute one year of a second Slavic language for one year of the primary Slavic language. The language option is chosen in consultation with program advisors.

2 Two courses must be at the 400 level.

3 At least two 4-credit courses should be outside of the field of concentration.

Russian Language, Literature, and Culture Concentration Courses

Code	Title	Credits
RUSS 204	Introduction to Russian Literature	
RUSS 205	Introduction to Russian Literature	
RUSS 206	Introduction to Russian Literature	
RUSS 240	Russian Culture	
RUSS 309	Russian through Theater	
RUSS 334	Dostoevsky	
RUSS 351	Russian Literature and Film	
RUSS 399	Special Studies: [Topic]	
RUSS 403	Thesis	

RUSS 404	Internship: [Topic]
RUSS 405	Reading and Conference: [Topic]
RUSS 407	Seminar: [Topic]
RUSS 409	Terminal Project
RUSS 410	Experimental Course: [Topic]
RUSS 434	Russian Literature: [Topic]
RUSS 436	Advanced Russian: [Topic]
SCAN 351	Periods in Scandinavian Literature

Russian and East European History, Politics and Society Concentration Courses

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 346	Imperial Russia	
HIST 347	Soviet Union and Contemporary Russia	
HIST 444	The Holocaust	
HIST 446	Modern Russia: [Topic]	
GEOG 202	Geography of Europe	
GEOG 441	Political Geography	
JDST 213	The Jewish Encounter with Modernity	
PS 387	Russian Politics	
PS 433	Marxism and Radical Thought	
PS 455	Theories of International Politics	
PS 475	Politics of the European Union	
REES 199	Special Studies: [Topic]	
REES 403	Thesis	
REES 405	Reading and Conference: [Topic]	
REES 407	Seminar: [Topic]	
REES 410	Experimental Course: [Topic]	
REL 324	History of Eastern Christianity I	
REL 325	History of Eastern Christianity II	

Honors in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies

Majors who have an overall GPA of 3.50 by the end of the junior year and who are interested in honors should meet with the REEES Director of Undergraduate Studies, then submit a thesis proposal to the program's director for approval. If approved, the student registers for a minimum of 4 credits in Thesis (403) under the supervision of a program faculty member. The thesis must be completed at least one term before the term of graduation.

Four-Year Degree Plan

The degree plan shown is only a sample of how students may complete their degrees in four years (Below is a sample for a Russian, East European, and Eurasian studies major with a concentration in Russian language, literature, and culture). There are alternative ways. Students should consult their advisor to determine the best path for them.

Bachelor of Arts in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (Humanities Concentration)

Course	Title	Credits Milestones
First Year		
Fall		
RUSS 101	First-Year Russian	5
WR 121Z	Composition I	4
RUSS 204	Introduction to Russian Literature	4
Core-education course in social science that also satisfies cultural literacy requirement		4
	Credits	**17**
Winter		
RUSS 102	First-Year Russian	5
WR 122Z or WR 123	Composition II or College Composition III	4
RUSS 309	Russian through Theater	4
Core-education course in science		4
	Credits	**17**
Spring		
RUSS 103	First-Year Russian	5
RUSS 334	Dostoevsky	4
Core-education course in social science		4
Core-education course in science		4
	Credits	**17**
Second Year		
Fall		
RUSS 201	Second-Year Russian I	5
Upper-division content course in REEES humanities (Field of concentration course)		4
Core-education course in arts and letters		4
Core-education course in science		4
	Credits	**17**
Winter		
RUSS 202	Second-Year Russian II	5
RUSS 426 or similar		4
Core-education course in arts and letters		4
Core-education course in social science		4
	Credits	**17**
Spring		
RUSS 203	Second-Year Russian III	5
HIST 346	Imperial Russia	4
Core-education course in arts and letters		4
Core-education course in science		4
	Credits	**17**
Third Year		
Fall		
PS 475	Politics of the European Union	4
RUSS 316	Third-Year Russian I	5
Elective or second major courses		8
	Credits	**17**

Winter		
RUSS 317	Third-Year Russian II	5
PS 433	Marxism and Radical Thought	4
Elective or second major courses		8
	Credits	**17**
Spring		
RUSS 318	Third-Year Russian III	5
Elective or second major courses		8
	Credits	**13**
Fourth Year		
Fall		
Elective or second major courses		16
	Credits	**16**
Winter		
Elective or second major courses		16
	Credits	**16**
	Total Credits	**181**

Bachelor of Arts in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (Social Science Concentration)

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
First Year			
Fall			
RUSS 101	First-Year Russian	5	
WR 121Z	Composition I	4	
Core-education course in social science		4	
Core-education course in science		4	
	Credits	**17**	
Winter			
RUSS 102	First-Year Russian	5	
WR 122Z or WR 123	Composition II or College Composition III	4	
HIST 346	Imperial Russia	4	
Core-education course in arts and letters that also satisfies cultural literacy requirement		4	
	Credits	**17**	
Spring			
RUSS 103	First-Year Russian	5	
HIST 347	Soviet Union and Contemporary Russia	4	
JDST 213	The Jewish Encounter with Modernity	4	
Core-education course in social science		4	
	Credits	**17**	
Second Year			
Fall			
RUSS 201	Second-Year Russian I	5	
Content course in REEES social science (Field of concentration course)		4	
Core-education course in arts and letters		4	
Core-education course in science		4	
	Credits	**17**	
Winter			
RUSS 202	Second-Year Russian II	5	
PS 433	Marxism and Radical Thought	4	
Core-education course in arts and letters		4	
Core-education course in social science		4	
	Credits	**17**	
Spring			
RUSS 203	Second-Year Russian III	5	
RUSS 240	Russian Culture	4	
Core-education course in social science		4	
Core-education course in science		4	
	Credits	**17**	
Third Year			
Fall			
RUSS 316	Third-Year Russian I	5	
REEES elective course (outside concentration, different from first elective course)		4	
Elective or second major courses		8	
	Credits	**17**	
Winter			
RUSS 309	Russian through Theater	4	
RUSS 317	Third-Year Russian II	5	
Elective or second major courses		8	
	Credits	**17**	
Spring			
RUSS 318	Third-Year Russian III	5	
Elective or second major courses		12	
	Credits	**17**	
Fourth Year			
Fall			
Elective or second major courses		16	
	Credits	**16**	
Winter			
Elective or second major courses		12	
	Credits	**12**	
	Total Credits	**181**	