

RUSSIAN STUDIES, MINOR

Saint Louis University's minors in Russian studies complete at least three years in the Russian language along with a survey of Russian culture and of at least one literary tradition. Then, they select from electives representing the disciplines of history, philosophy, film and literature.

Graduates of the SLU program are prepared to conduct research in this language and to benefit from immersive study abroad experiences. They also capitalize on their knowledge of the language and culture – with Russia's significant global presence and influence spanning the globe – when building careers in such areas as political science, law, journalism, U.S. intelligence and computer science. Co-curricular activities provide additional fora for research and further opportunities for enhancing cultural knowledge.

Current course offerings address topics such as Dostoevsky and Tolstoy studies, early Russian and Soviet film within their historical contexts, Russian and Polish literature of confinement (to include Gulag and death camp narratives), forced labor in imperial and Soviet domains, Polish and Russian thespian arts, and religious traditions represented in the Russian, Soviet, and post-Soviet spaces, such as Russian Orthodoxy, Roman Catholicism, Judaism, Islam and popular religion. Advanced students of Russian are encouraged to pursue independent research projects.

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 studies minor requirement, and coursework is distributed as follows:

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
RUSS 3010	Communicating in Russian: The Arts	3
RUSS 3020	Communicating in Russian: History and Politics	3
RUSS 3250	Russia From Peter to Putin: Imperial, Soviet, and Post-Soviet Culture	3
Russian Literature in Translation		3
Select one course from the following:		
RUSS 3320		
RUSS 3340	Serfdom and Liberation: Challenging the Legacies of Forced Labor	
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 Elective Courses		6
Select two additional courses from the following for a total of 18 credits not chosen elsewhere to fulfill minor requirements (at least 3 credits must be at the 4xxx level):		
RUSS 3270	Soviet and Russian Cinema: Traditions and Innovations	
RUSS 3320		

RUSS 3340	Serfdom and Liberation: Challenging the Legacies of Forced Labor
RUSS 3350	Chekhov as Dramatist: Performance, Adaptations, and Intermedial Transpositions
RUSS 3360	In Prisons Dark: Confinement Literature in the Russian and Soviet Empires
RUSS 3390	Putin's Idiocracy
RUSS 3440	Art, Media, & Power in Post-Soviet Russia
RUSS 4010	Presenting Research in Russian
RUSS 4510	The Russian Orthodox
HIST 3280	Russia to 1905
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.

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