Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies

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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, 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.

Visiting Faculty Members
The program sponsors extended stays by visiting Fulbright and International Research and Exchange Board scholars from Russia and Eastern Europe.

Overseas Study
Qualified students of Russian may spend a summer, semester, or academic year in the Commonwealth of Independent States—in the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) Cooperative Russian Language Program, of which the University of Oregon is an affiliate. Participating CIEE schools include Novosibirsk State University and St. Petersburg University. Students may also participate in Moscow and St. Petersburg programs sponsored by the American Council of Teachers of Russian. Opportunities also exist for study in the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland. Limited fellowship aid is available for these programs.

Students in University of Oregon overseas study programs enroll in courses with subject codes that are unique to individual programs. Special course numbers are reserved for overseas study. See International Affairs in the Academic Resources section of this catalog. Students interested in study in the Commonwealth of Independent States or in Eastern Europe should write or call the Overseas Program Coordinator, Office of International Affairs, 5209 University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon 97403-5209; 541-346-3206.

Cultural Programs
The program sponsors lectures, panel discussions, symposiums, films, plays, exhibitions, concerts, and festivals. These presentations involve scholars from other institutions in the United States and Europe as well as specialists at the university. In addition, the program faculty engages in outreach activities with local schools, community groups, and organizations such as the Eugene-Irkutsk Sister City Committee. Students in the program organized a Russian Club.

Resources
The University of Oregon's library has more than 130,000 volumes in the Russian and other Slavic and East European languages, more than 60,000 on Russia and Eastern Europe in Western languages; and subscribes to more than 100 serial titles. The library also has a large collection of Russian and East European films. The bulk of the collection is in the humanities and social sciences.

Facilities at the well-known Yamada Language Center enhance the learning of Slavic and East European languages. For more information, visit the website (https://babel.uoregon.edu).

Faculty
Yelaina Kripkov, senior instructor (Russian language, culture); coordinator, Russian language program. MA, 1983, Moscow State Pedagogical Institute; PhD, 1996, Kansas. (1995)

The date in parentheses at the end of each entry is the first year on the University of Oregon faculty.

Participating
Roy Chan, East Asian languages and literatures (Chinese literature)
Heqhine Hakobyan, library
Julie Hessler, history (20th-century Russia, Europe)
R. Alan Kimball, history (modern Russia)
Karrie Koesel, political science (comparative politics)
Susanna Soojung Lim, honors college (19th- and 20th-century Russian literature)
Anna Mikhaylova, linguistics
Mikhail Myagkov, political science (comparative politics, formal political theory)
Stephen J. Shoemaker, religious studies (history of Eastern Christianity)
Carol T. Silverman, anthropology (performance, eastern Europe, gender)
Caleb Southworth, sociology (economic sociology, postsocialist societies, quantitative-historical methods)
Cynthia M. Vakareliyska, linguistics (Slavic linguistics)
## Courtesy


Tamara Morris, courtesy professor (Russian language, culture of “Old Believers”). Baccalaureate, D. Banzarov; MA, 1984, Kransoyarsky State Pedagogical Institute; PhD, 1986, Institute of Russian Language. (2013)

## Emeriti

Esther Jacobson-Tepfer, history of art and architecture

Ronald Wixman, geography

## Associated

John E. Bonine, law

Keith Eddins, law (post-Communist Russia and Eastern Europe)

Alexander Kashirin, Russian, East European, and Eurasian studies

Sherwin Simmons, history of art and architecture

Andrew Verner, business

Lisa Wolverton, history

- Bachelor of Arts
- Minor

## Undergraduate Studies

The program offers a bachelor of arts degree (BA) and a minor. The undergraduate certificate is inactive.

### General Requirements

#### Fields of Concentration

The program offers the following concentrations for the undergraduate major and minor, the master’s degree, and the graduate certificate:

- Russian literature
- Russian language (as a concentration for the major, special requirements apply—see below: Russian language is not a minor concentration option)
- Slavic linguistics
- Russian and East European history
- Contemporary Russia, East Europe, and Eurasia

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 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 request sample programs of study in the various concentrations from their advisor or from the program’s office.

### Major Requirements

The major requires 40 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 40-credit requirement.

#### Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements

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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 12 credits must be earned in upper-division courses. As many as 8 of the 24 credits may be in the concentration area, but may not be used to satisfy both the concentration requirement and the elective requirement. Electives must include courses in at least two fields outside the concentration.

### Additional Requirements

A research paper written in conjunction with one of the upper-division courses or as a separate Reading and Conference course (RUSS 406, REES 406) in the field of concentration.

### Double Majors

Subject to approval by program administrators, as many as four 300- and 400-level courses taken to fulfill requirements for a second major may be used to fulfill the 40-credit requirement of the Russian, East European, and Eurasian studies major. To apply for a double major, students must complete and submit a declaration form to the center’s office.

### 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 their advisor, then submit a thesis proposal to the center’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, which fulfills the research requirement, must be completed at least one term before the term of graduation.
Special Requirements for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies Majors with a Russian Language Concentration

1. **Language Requirement.** Students who choose the language concentration should finish the program with advanced mastery of Russian. The fourth year of the language counts toward the concentration and is expected as the core of the concentration. In addition, students are expected to take a translation exam from Russian into English, which is administered once a term.

2. **Field of Concentration.** The language concentration, like the other concentrations, consists of four courses beyond the basic third-year sequence. Three of them must be Advanced Russian: [Topic] (RUSS436) or the equivalent; in each concentration, students may substitute two courses taken abroad for two courses of the concentration. The other course may be any other 4-credit 300- or 400-level language course, such as Russian through Theater (RUSS309), or an independent reading course on a language topic.

3. **Research Paper.** The paper must be written in Russian. It should involve some outside reading, but the research component is less important than the writing of an eight-to-ten-page typed paper in Russian.

4. **Electives.** Because students should have an analytical perspective on the language, they are required to take an advanced course in Slavic linguistics. Because they should have a sense of the literary use of Russian, they also must take a 400-level Russian literature course as one of their electives.

**Minor Requirements**

The minor requires 28 graded credits; courses must be passed with a grade of C– or better. Courses taken to fulfill the language requirement may not be used to fulfill the 28-credit requirement.

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**Field of Concentration Courses**

- Three upper-division courses in a chosen concentration 2 | 12 |

**Elective Courses** 3 | 16 |

**Total Credits** 28

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2. One course must be at the 400 level.

3. At least 12 credits must be earned in upper-division courses. As many as 4 of the 16 credits may be in the concentration area, but may not be used to satisfy both the concentration requirement and the elective requirement.

**Additional Requirements**

A research paper written in conjunction with one of the upper-division courses or as a separate Reading and Conference course (RUSS 406, REES 406) in the field of concentration.

There is no limit on the number of language courses taken at other universities, including courses taken abroad, that may be used to satisfy the language requirement for the major or minor, subject to an equivalency assessment by the Russian language coordinator. With respect to concentration and elective requirements, undergraduate majors may apply as many as 4 upper-division transfer credits toward the concentration and as many as 12 transfer credits toward the elective requirement, but not toward universitywide graduation requirements.

**Secondary School Teaching Careers**

The College of Education offers a fifth-year program for teaching licensure in foreign language. This program is described in the College of Education section of this catalog.

- Master of Arts
- Certificate

**Graduate Studies**

The program offers a master of arts (MA) and a graduate certificate in Russian, East European, and Eurasian studies. The center is affiliated with the master’s and PhD programs in comparative literature and linguistics, and students in the center have also successfully applied to PhD programs in history, geography, and other fields.

**Master of Arts**

**Application**

Graduate application instructions are available online (http://reese.uoregon.edu/graduate/admission-and-aid). The application deadline for admission the following fall term is February 1. Applicants who are not seeking graduate fellowship support are considered for admission throughout the academic year if space is available in the program.

Incoming candidates for the master’s degree must meet with an advisor and take a Russian proficiency examination on the Friday before the beginning of their first academic term.

Graduate students are expected to meet regularly with their advisor and submit an updated program plan every spring term. Students and their advisors use degree planning sheets to design individual programs.

**Master of Arts Degree Requirements**

The MA in Russian, East European, and Eurasian studies requires 49 graded graduate-level credits; courses must be passed with grades of B– or better. Credits used to fulfill the language requirement may not be applied to the 49-credit requirement. The MA typically takes two years (six terms) to complete.

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<td>Four years of university study of a Slavic language or equivalent, plus reading competency as defined by a translation exam in the student's field of concentration 1</td>
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**Field of Concentration Courses**

- Four graded graduate-level courses in a chosen concentration 16

**Research and Thesis**

- REESS03 Thesis 9
- or RUSS503 Thesis

**Elective Courses**
Six graded graduate-level courses \(^2\) 24

**Total Credits** 49

1 In exceptional cases, a student may petition to substitute one year of a second Slavic language or equivalent mastery for one of the years of the primary language, but must pass the reading exam. Native speakers of a Slavic language may petition to substitute an appropriate alternative measure of English competency to the translation exam.

2 Two courses may be in the field of concentration. The electives must include courses in at least two fields outside the student’s concentration.

**Fields of Concentration**

- Russian literature
- Russian language
- Slavic linguistics
- Russian and East European history
- Contemporary Russia, East Europe, and Eurasia

**Additional Requirements**

A written comprehensive examination on the field of concentration is typically taken the term prior to submission of the thesis. The thesis is defended before the candidate’s committee. The defense may include discussion of the comprehensive exam.

**Graduate Certificate**

The graduate certificate in Russian, East European, and Eurasian studies requires 32 graded graduate-level credits; courses must be passed with grades of B– or better. Credits used to fulfill the language requirement may not be applied to the 32-credit requirement.

**Language Courses**

Select one of the following:

- Four years of college study or equivalent in one Slavic language
- Total of four years of college study in two languages of the region

**Field of Concentration Courses**

Three graduate-level courses in chosen concentration 12

**Elective Courses**

Four graduate-level courses \(^1\) 16

**Total Credits** 28

1 One elective may be in the field of concentration.

**Additional Requirements**

A research paper written in conjunction with a course or as a separate reading course in the field of concentration.

**Fields of Concentration**

- Russian literature
- Russian language
- Slavic linguistics
- Russian and East European history
- Contemporary Russia, East Europe, and Eurasia

The certificate may be earned in conjunction with any MA or PhD degree. Courses taken to fulfill the graduate degree may also be used to fulfill certificate requirements. Master’s candidates in the program may earn the graduate certificate if the field of concentration chosen for the certificate is not the same as the one for the master’s degree.

**Courses**

- REES199. Special Studies: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits. Repeatable.
- REES399. Special Studies: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits. Repeatable.
- REES401. Research: [Topic]. 2-6 Credits. Repeatable.
- REES403. Thesis. 3-6 Credits. Repeatable.
- REES405. Reading and Conference: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits. Repeatable.
- REES406. Field Studies: [Topic]. 1-21 Credits. Repeatable.
- REES407. Seminar: [Topic]. 2-4 Credits. Repeatable.
- REES408. Colloquium: [Topic]. 2-4 Credits. Repeatable.
- REES409. Supervised Tutoring: [Topic]. 1-3 Credits. Repeatable.
- REES410. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 2-6 Credits. Repeatable.
- REES507. Seminar: [Topic]. 2-4 Credits. Repeatable.
- REES508. Colloquium: [Topic]. 2-4 Credits. Repeatable.
- REES510. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 2-6 Credits. Repeatable.
- REES601. Research: [Topic]. 2-6 Credits. Repeatable.
- REES605. Reading and Conference: [Topic]. 1-6 Credits. Repeatable.
- REES606. Field Studies: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits. Repeatable.
- REES607. Seminar: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits. Repeatable.
- REES608. Colloquium: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits. Repeatable.
- REES609. Practicum: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits. Repeatable.
- REES610. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits. Repeatable.
Courses

RUSS101. First-Year Russian. 5 Credits.
Elementary Russian grammar, conversation, reading, and composition.

RUSS102. First-Year Russian. 5 Credits.
Elementary Russian grammar, conversation, reading, and composition.
Prereq: RUSS 101.

RUSS103. First-Year Russian. 5 Credits.
Elementary Russian grammar, conversation, reading, and composition.
Prereq: RUSS 102.

RUSS121. Spoken Russian: [Topic]. 1-2 Credits.
Practice in improving Russian speech, comprehension, and listening skills. Exercises reinforce grammar and vocabulary learned in class instruction. Repeatable twice for a maximum of 6 credits.
Coreq: RUSS 101, 102, or 103.

RUSS196. Field Studies: [Topic]. 1-2 Credits.
Repeatable.

RUSS198. Workshop: [Topic]. 1-2 Credits.
Repeatable.

RUSS199. Special Studies: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Russian Film is a current topic. Repeatable when topic changes.

RUSS201. Second-Year Russian. 5 Credits.
Intermediate Russian grammar, reading, conversation, and composition. Study of representative literary works.
Prereq: RUSS 103 or equivalent.

RUSS202. Second-Year Russian. 5 Credits.
Intermediate Russian grammar, reading, conversation, and composition. Study of representative literary works.
Prereq: RUSS 201 or equivalent.

RUSS203. Second-Year Russian. 5 Credits.
Intermediate Russian grammar, reading, conversation, and composition. Study of representative literary works.
Prereq: RUSS 202 or equivalent.

RUSS204. Introduction to Russian Literature. 4 Credits.
Survey of Russian literature from its origins to the present; emphasis on Pushkin, Gogol, Turgenev, Dostoevsky, Tolstoy, Chekhov, and contemporary works. Readings, lectures, and discussions in English.

RUSS205. Introduction to Russian Literature. 4 Credits.
Survey of Russian literature from its origins to the present; emphasis on Pushkin, Gogol, Turgenev, Dostoevsky, Tolstoy, Chekhov, and contemporary works. Readings, lectures, and discussions in English.

RUSS206. Introduction to Russian Literature. 4 Credits.
Survey of Russian literature from its origins to the present; emphasis on Pushkin, Gogol, Turgenev, Dostoevsky, Tolstoy, Chekhov, and contemporary works. Readings, lectures, and discussions in English.

RUSS221. Spoken Russian. 1-2 Credits.
Practice in improving Russian speech, comprehension, and listening skills. Exercises reinforce grammar and vocabulary learned in class instruction. Repeatable twice for a maximum of 6 credits.
Coreq: RUSS 201, 202, or 203.

RUSS240. Russian Culture. 4 Credits.
Comparative aesthetics and development of art, film, architecture, music, and literature in the context of Russian intellectual history. Readings, lectures, and discussions in English.

RUSS309. Russian through Theater. 2-4 Credits.
Combined elements of Russian language, literature, and culture learned through participation in a theater production. Credits vary with degree of involvement. Repeatable when different theater production is offered.

RUSS316. Third-Year Russian. 5 Credits.
Intermediate-to-advanced Russian. Further development of basic skills, with special attention to reading comprehension, conversational competence, grammatical accuracy, and cultural sophistication.
Prereq: RUSS 203 or equivalent.

RUSS317. Third-Year Russian. 5 Credits.
Intermediate-to-advanced Russian. Further development of basic skills, with special attention to reading comprehension, conversational competence, grammatical accuracy, and cultural sophistication.
Prereq: RUSS 203 or equivalent.

RUSS318. Third-Year Russian. 5 Credits.
Intermediate-to-advanced Russian. Further development of basic skills, with special attention to reading comprehension, conversational competence, grammatical accuracy, and cultural sophistication.
Prereq: RUSS 203 or equivalent.

RUSS331. Russian Short Story. 4 Credits.
Introduction to the novels and short stories of Dostoevsky. His literary, ethical, and political development. Readings in English. Offered alternate years.

RUSS334. Dostoevsky. 4 Credits.
Introduction to Dostoevsky's works and intellectual context. Offered alternate years.

RUSS335. Tolstoy. 4 Credits.
Examinations of important short and long works by Leo Tolstoy, focusing on ethical questions and Tolstoy's literary art. Readings and instruction in English.

RUSS351. Russian Literature and Film. 4 Credits.
Introduction to great works of 19th-century Russian literature and analysis of the cinematic adaptation of these works by Western filmmakers.

RUSS399. Special Studies: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Recent topics are Solzhenitsyn, Sex and Feminism in Russia. Repeatable when topic changes.

RUSS401. Research: [Topic]. 2-6 Credits.
Repeatable.

RUSS403. Thesis. 3-6 Credits.
Repeatable.

RUSS405. Reading and Conference: [Topic]. 1-6 Credits.
Repeatable.

RUSS406. Field Studies: [Topic]. 1-21 Credits.
Repeatable.

RUSS407. Seminar: [Topic]. 2-4 Credits.
Repeatable when topic changes.

RUSS408. Colloquium: [Topic]. 2-4 Credits.
Special on-campus activities. Conducted in Russian. Repeatable when topic changes.

RUSS409. Practicum: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

RUSS410. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 2-4 Credits.
Repeatable when topic changes.
RUSS426. Classics of Russian Poetry: [Topic]. 4 Credits.
Comprehensive study of selected topics in Russian poetry (e.g.,
Alexander Pushkin, Russian symbolism, acmeism, futurism, and
contemporary poetry). Repeatable twice when topic changes for
maximum of 12 credits.

RUSS434. Russian Literature: [Topic]. 4 Credits.
Comprehensive study of selected topics in Russian literature. (e.g., 20th-
century, contemporary, and Old Russian literature). Repeatable twice
when topic changes for maximum of 12 credits.

RUSS436. Advanced Russian: [Topic]. 4 Credits.
Analysis of Russian texts, films, and TV broadcasts about selected topics
in Russian culture, literature, politics, and economics with practice in
comprehension, conversation, and composition. Repeatable twice when
topic changes for a maximum of 12 credits.
Prereq: RUSS 318 or equivalent.

RUSS440. Russian Phonology and Morphology. 4 Credits.
Russian phonology and morphology (sound system and word formation)
Offered alternate years.

RUSS444. Introduction to Slavic Languages. 4 Credits.
Comparative survey of Slavic languages, their relationships to each other,
and the characterizing features of each individual language. Repeatable
when topic changes.
Prereq: RUSS 203 or LING 290.

RUSS445. Old Church Slavonic. 4 Credits.
Sound system and grammar of Old Church Slavonic; its role as a
primary source of evidence on the development of the Slavic languages.
Readings from Old Church Slavonic texts.
Prereq: RUSS 203 or LING 290 or equivalent.

RUSS503. Thesis. 1-9 Credits.
Repeatable.

RUSS507. Seminar: [Topic]. 2-4 Credits.
Repeatable when topic changes.

RUSS508. Colloquium: [Topic]. 2-4 Credits.
Special on-campus activities. Conducted in Russian. Repeatable when
topic changes.

RUSS510. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 2-4 Credits.
Recent topics are Self and Other in Russian Literature and Film.
Repeatable when topic changes.

RUSS526. Classics of Russian Poetry: [Topic]. 4 Credits.
Comprehensive study of selected topics in Russian poetry (e.g.,
Alexander Pushkin, Russian symbolism, acmeism, futurism, and
contemporary poetry). Repeatable twice when topic changes for
maximum of 12 credits.

RUSS534. Russian Literature: [Topic]. 4 Credits.
Comprehensive study of selected topics in Russian literature. (e.g., 20th-
century, contemporary, and Old Russian literature). Repeatable twice
when topic changes for maximum of 12 credits.

RUSS536. Advanced Russian: [Topic]. 4 Credits.
Analysis of Russian texts, films, and TV broadcasts about selected topics
in Russian culture, literature, politics, and economics with practice in
comprehension, conversation, and composition. Repeatable twice when
topic changes for a maximum of 12 credits.

RUSS540. Russian Phonology and Morphology. 4 Credits.
Russian phonology and morphology (sound system and word formation)
Offered alternate years.