

# 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   |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Language Courses</b>  |                                  |           |
| RUSS 101–103   | First-Year Russian <sup>1</sup>  | 15        |
| RUSS 201–203   | Second-Year Russian <sup>1</sup> | 15        |
| RUSS 316–318   | Third-Year Russian <sup>1</sup>  | 15        |
| <b>Five Field of Concentration Courses</b>   |                                  | <b>20</b> |
| At least four courses in a chosen concentration must be upper-division Elective Courses <sup>2</sup> |                                  |           |
| <b>Elective Courses <sup>3</sup></b>   |                                  | <b>16</b> |
| <b>Total Credits</b>   |                                  | <b>36</b> |

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Two courses must be at the 400 level.

<sup>3</sup> 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                             |         |

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| 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 |
|--|------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| <b>First Year</b>  |                                    |           |            |
| <b>Fall</b>  |                                    |           |            |
| RUSS 101   | First-Year Russian                 | 5         |            |
| WR 121Z  | Composition I                      | 4         |            |
| RUSS 204   | Introduction to Russian Literature | 4         |            |
| General-education course in social science that also satisfies multicultural requirement |                                    | 4         |            |
| <b>Credits</b>   |                                    | <b>17</b> |            |

#### Winter

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|--|
| RUSS 102                             | First-Year Russian      | 5         |  |
| WR 122Z                              | Composition II          | 4         |  |
| or WR 123 or College Composition III |                         |           |  |
| RUSS 309                             | Russian through Theater | 4         |  |
| General-education course in science  |                         | 4         |  |
| <b>Credits</b>                       |                         | <b>17</b> |  |

#### Spring

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|--|--------------------|-----------|--|
| RUSS 103                                   | First-Year Russian | 5         |  |
| RUSS 334                                   | Dostoevsky         | 4         |  |
| General-education course in social science |                    | 4         |  |
| General-education course in science        |                    | 4         |  |
| <b>Credits</b>                             |                    | <b>17</b> |  |

#### Total Credits

51

| Course  | Title                 | Credits   | Milestones |
|---|-----------------------|-----------|------------|
| <b>Second Year</b>  |                       |           |            |
| <b>Fall</b>   |                       |           |            |
| RUSS 201  | Second-Year Russian I | 5         |            |
| Upper-division content course in REEES humanities (Field of concentration course) |                       | 4         |            |
| General-education course in arts and letters                                      |                       | 4         |            |
| General-education course in science   |                       | 4         |            |
| <b>Credits</b>  |                       | <b>17</b> |            |

#### Winter

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|--|------------------------|-----------|--|
| RUSS 202                                     | Second-Year Russian II | 5         |  |
| RUSS 426 or similar                          |                        | 4         |  |
| General-education course in arts and letters |                        | 4         |  |
| General-education course in social science   |                        | 4         |  |
| <b>Credits</b>                               |                        | <b>17</b> |  |

#### Spring

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|--|-------------------------|-----------|--|
| RUSS 203                                     | Second-Year Russian III | 5         |  |
| HIST 346                                     | Imperial Russia         | 4         |  |
| General-education course in arts and letters |                         | 4         |  |
| General-education course in science          |                         | 4         |  |
| <b>Credits</b>                               |                         | <b>17</b> |  |

#### Total Credits

51

| Course                           | Title                          | Credits   | Milestones |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| <b>Third Year</b>                |                                |           |            |
| <b>Fall</b>                      |                                |           |            |
| PS 475                           | Politics of the European Union | 4         |            |
| RUSS 316                         | Third-Year Russian I           | 5         |            |
| Elective or second-major courses |                                | 8         |            |
| <b>Credits</b>                   |                                | <b>17</b> |            |
| <b>Winter</b>                    |                                |           |            |
| RUSS 317                         | Third-Year Russian II          | 5         |            |
| PS 433                           | Marxism and Radical Thought    | 4         |            |
| Elective or second-major courses |                                | 8         |            |
| <b>Credits</b>                   |                                | <b>17</b> |            |
| <b>Spring</b>                    |                                |           |            |
| RUSS 318                         | Third-Year Russian III         | 5         |            |
| Elective or second-major courses |                                | 8         |            |
| <b>Credits</b>                   |                                | <b>13</b> |            |
| <b>Total Credits</b>             |                                | <b>47</b> |            |

| Course                           | Title | Credits   | Milestones |
|----------------------------------|-------|-----------|------------|
| <b>Fourth Year</b>               |       |           |            |
| <b>Fall</b>                      |       |           |            |
| Elective or second-major courses |       | 16        |            |
| <b>Credits</b>                   |       | <b>16</b> |            |
| <b>Winter</b>                    |       |           |            |
| Elective or second-major courses |       | 12        |            |
| <b>Credits</b>                   |       | <b>12</b> |            |
| <b>Total Credits</b>             |       | <b>28</b> |            |

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

| Course   | Title                                | Credits   | Milestones |
|--|--------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| <b>First Year</b>  |                                      |           |            |
| <b>Fall</b>  |                                      |           |            |
| RUSS 101   | First-Year Russian                   | 5         |            |
| WR 121Z  | Composition I                        | 4         |            |
| General-education course in social science   |                                      | 4         |            |
| General-education course in science  |                                      | 4         |            |
| <b>Credits</b>   |                                      | <b>17</b> |            |
| <b>Winter</b>  |                                      |           |            |
| RUSS 102   | First-Year Russian                   | 5         |            |
| WR 122Z  | Composition II                       | 4         |            |
| or WR 123 or College Composition III   |                                      |           |            |
| HIST 346   | Imperial Russia                      | 4         |            |
| General-education course in arts and letters that also satisfies multicultural requirement |                                      | 4         |            |
| <b>Credits</b>   |                                      | <b>17</b> |            |
| <b>Spring</b>  |                                      |           |            |
| RUSS 103   | First-Year Russian                   | 5         |            |
| HIST 347   | Soviet Union and Contemporary Russia | 4         |            |
| JDST 213   | The Jewish Encounter with Modernity  | 4         |            |

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| General-education course in social science |  | 4         |
| <b>Credits</b>                             |  | <b>17</b> |
| <b>Total Credits</b>                       |  | <b>51</b> |

| Course   | Title                       | Credits   | Milestones |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------|------------|
| <b>Second Year</b>   |                             |           |            |
| <b>Fall</b>  |                             |           |            |
| RUSS 201   | Second-Year Russian I       | 5         |            |
| Content course in REEES social science (Field of concentration course) |                             | 4         |            |
| General-education course in arts and letters                           |                             | 4         |            |
| General-education course in science                                    |                             | 4         |            |
| <b>Credits</b>   |                             | <b>17</b> |            |
| <b>Winter</b>  |                             |           |            |
| RUSS 202   | Second-Year Russian II      | 5         |            |
| PS 433   | Marxism and Radical Thought | 4         |            |
| General-education course in arts and letters                           |                             | 4         |            |
| General-education course in social science                             |                             | 4         |            |
| <b>Credits</b>   |                             | <b>17</b> |            |

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| <b>Credits</b>                             |                         | <b>17</b> |  |
| <b>Spring</b>                              |                         |           |  |
| RUSS 203                                   | Second-Year Russian III | 5         |  |
| RUSS 240                                   | Russian Culture         | 4         |  |
| General-education course in social science |                         | 4         |  |
| General-education course in science        |                         | 4         |  |
| <b>Credits</b>                             |                         | <b>17</b> |  |
| <b>Total Credits</b>                       |                         | <b>51</b> |  |

| Course  | Title                   | Credits   | Milestones |
|---|-------------------------|-----------|------------|
| <b>Third Year</b>   |                         |           |            |
| <b>Fall</b>   |                         |           |            |
| RUSS 316  | Third-Year Russian I    | 5         |            |
| REEES elective course (outside concentration, different from first elective course) |                         | 4         |            |
| Elective or second-major courses  |                         | 8         |            |
| <b>Credits</b>  |                         | <b>17</b> |            |
| <b>Winter</b>   |                         |           |            |
| RUSS 309  | Russian through Theater | 4         |            |
| RUSS 317  | Third-Year Russian II   | 5         |            |
| Elective or second-major courses  |                         | 8         |            |
| <b>Credits</b>  |                         | <b>17</b> |            |
| <b>Spring</b>   |                         |           |            |
| RUSS 318  | Third-Year Russian III  | 5         |            |
| Elective or second-major courses  |                         | 12        |            |
| <b>Credits</b>  |                         | <b>17</b> |            |
| <b>Total Credits</b>  |                         | <b>51</b> |            |

| Course                           | Title | Credits   | Milestones |
|----------------------------------|-------|-----------|------------|
| <b>Fourth Year</b>               |       |           |            |
| <b>Fall</b>                      |       |           |            |
| Elective or second-major courses |       | 16        |            |
| <b>Credits</b>                   |       | <b>16</b> |            |

**Winter**

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|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Elective or second-major courses | 12        |
| <b>Credits</b>                   | <b>12</b> |
| <b>Total Credits</b>             | <b>28</b> |