



WASHINGTON
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COLLEGE

Russian Studies

The Russian Studies Program of the Department of Modern Languages allows students to **explore Russian-speaking regions of the world through courses in language, humanities and social sciences**. Students develop the skills, knowledge and qualities necessary to communicate and interact in culturally appropriate ways with speakers of Russian, which has been selected as one of the U.S. Department of State's critical languages. Students will more fully understand the literature, history and politics of the Russian-speaking world and become global citizens.

Minor Requirements

Depending on course placement*, students will take the following courses:

- Beginner Russian I and II (RUS 105 & 106)
- Intermediate Russian I (RUS 207)
- And **two** courses from the following:
 - Intermediate Russian II (RUS 208)
 - Advanced Russian I (RUS 309)
 - Russia from Origins to Empire (HIS 130)
 - The Soviet Union and Russia Today (HIS 131)
 - Topics in Historical Studies (HIS 270**)
 - Topics in European History (HIS 315**)
 - The Cold War (HIS 320)
 - Two Germanys (GER 235)
 - Cultural Construction in the Soviet Empire (HIS 321)
 - Russian Revolutions from Peter to Putin (HIS 324)
 - Special Topics in Historical Studies (HIS 370**)
 - Masterpieces of Russian Literature in Translation (RUS 257/ENG 255)

**The Russian minor is a combination of language proficiency skills, humanities and social sciences skills. All students begin with placement into a course appropriate with their previous knowledge of Russian. The placement will determine their first course in the sequence. Students who start at Advanced Russian can petition the program chair and department chair to complete the minor.*

***When taught with an emphasis on Russia.*

Russian

Students interested in the Russian language* but do not want to pursue a Russian Studies minor, may choose to take the full sequence of language courses in order:

- Beginner Russian I and II (RUS 105 & 106)
- Intermediate Russian I and II (RUS 207 & 208)
- Advanced Russian I (RUS 309)

**Russian is not offered as a minor.*

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Beyond the Classroom

Students in Russian have a wide array of opportunities for Russian-oriented research, internships, conferences and networking beyond the classroom that give them an advantage to prepare for life after W&J. Their academic achievements can also help them join the academic honor society Alpha Mu Gamma.

Travel Abroad & Internships

- Semester-long stays in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, as well as options for other Russian-speaking countries.
- Summer Magellan projects and summer study abroad in Russia and other Russian-speaking areas.
- Local or international summer internships.

Alumni Achievements

Recent graduates who completed a program in Russian have gone on to:

- Graduate School
- Win prestigious awards, including the Critical Language Scholarship and Fulbright Award
- Move to Russian-speaking countries



Program Website

washjeff.edu/russian-area-studies

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A full list of courses and descriptions can be found online in the College Catalog.