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SAS Russian Major and Minors 860

The major in Russian language and literature aims to provide a solid foundation in the Russian language and a broad introduction to Russian culture, particularly literary culture, during the Imperial, Soviet, and post-Soviet periods. The program grounds the study of literature in specific historical, social, and cultural contexts. It includes the study of Russian film and elements of literary and cultural theory. The major also fosters a broad interdisciplinary perspective by encouraging students to take relevant courses in such fields as history, philosophy, political science, art history, and music. Students are expected to achieve a degree of fluency in Russian that will enable them to enter into dialogue with Russia—past and present—as readers and writers, and as speakers of a language native to over 170 million people. Coursework will include material in the original ranging from literary classics to current newspapers and other mass media. We recommend that students participate in the Rutgers 9-credit summer program in St. Petersburg, Russia, to fulfill some of their major requirements and to accelerate their fluency in the language. [<http://seell.rutgers.edu>]

The major consists of a minimum of 36 credits or 12 courses in Russian language and literature, including at least 18 credits at or above the 300 level. Students must complete all required coursework for the major or minor with grades of C or better. All majors must fulfill the following requirements:

- a) 6 language courses,* of which 1 must be 01:860:351, Structure of Russian. One semester of the Practicum may count toward language credit. A language course taken through the summer program counts as one language course.
- b) 2 surveys: 01:860:327, 19th Century Russian Literature, and 01:860:328, 20th Century Russian Literature
- c) 01:860:315 Reading Russian Literature in Russian
- d) 1 seminar of the student's choice
- e) 2 electives offered in the department at 300/400 level. The special seminar of the summer program, 01:860:325 may be counted toward one of the literature electives.

*Students whose knowledge of Russian places them beyond 01:860:302 are required to substitute other 860 courses to complete 36 credits

Minor in Russian Language and Literature

3 language courses beyond 101 or 107 and 3 literature electives from 300/400 level course offered in the department.

Minor in Russian Language

5 language courses [One semester of the Practicum may count towards this requirement]

1 literature course with readings in Russian, to be chosen from the following: 315, 401, 402 (a different course that requires reading texts in Russian, such as 01:860:332 or 01:860:433, may fulfill this requirement upon approval from the Program Director)

Minor in Russian Literature (No knowledge of Russian necessary)

2 surveys: 327 and 328

4 electives in Russian literature offered in the department at the 300/400 level.