

LIBERAL STUDIES MAJOR

RUSSIAN STUDIES CONCENTRATION

The Russian Studies concentration is designed to provide students with a basic knowledge and understanding of Russian affairs, past and present. This interdisciplinary major, composed of courses offered by four departments in the College of Liberal Arts, examines the language, history, politics, economics, and culture of Russia from the tenth century to the present.

The Russian Studies major may enhance career opportunities in business, education, library science, and various public or private agencies concerned with relations between the United States and Russia (e.g. branches of the government, such as the State Department, the US Department of Agriculture, the US Department of Commerce, and the military, or parts of the private sector, such as banking, tourism, journalism, and communications technology). The Russian Studies major also provides a background for undertaking graduate work at other universities in Russian economics, history, language and literature, and political science or in international studies.

The Russian Studies concentration is available to all students. Those wishing to complete a Liberal Studies degree with a Russian Studies concentration are expected to fulfill the core and elective requirements listed on the reverse side of this sheet. Students may also elect to participate in one of the study abroad programs in Russia offered by the Office of International Programs. In addition, the Russian Studies concentration can serve as an important component of OSU's International degree.

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Russian Studies Concentration at OSU

Lower Division: Core Courses – 21 credits

required courses:

RUS 211, 212, 213 Second Year Russian (12 credits)

RUS 231, 232, 233 Introduction to Russian Culture (9 credits)

Upper Division: Required & Electives – 27 credits

required courses:

3 courses from at least 2 of the 4 participating departments (Economics, Foreign Languages & Literatures, History, Political Science). Since the Economics and Political Science courses are 4 hour courses and the Russian and History courses are 3 hour ones, the total number of credits earned by taking required upper division courses will vary. *Total credits: 18–24*

electives:

1-3 courses (depending on the total number of credits earned in required upper division courses) chosen from any of the participating departments. *Total credits: 3-9*

Choose required upper division courses & elective courses from the following:

RUS 311, 312, 313, Third Year Russian (9 credits)

RUS 411, 412, 413, Fourth Year Russian (9 credits)

RUS 340, 19th Century Russian Literature in Translation (3 credits)

RUS 341, 20th Century Russian Literature in Translation (3 credits)

RUS 342, 20th Century Russian Drama in Translation (3 credits)

HST 340, 341 History of Russia (3 credits, 3 credits)

HST 342, Christianity in Russia (3 credits)

HST 343, Women in Modern Russia (3 credits)

HST 345, Society in Modern Russia (3 credits)

HST 415/515, Special Topics (when the topic relates to Russian history) (3 credits)

PS 342, Soviet Politics (4 credits)

PS 343, Russian Politics (4 credits)

PS 364, Marxism-Leninism (4 credits)

PS 453, Russian Foreign Policy (4 credits)

EC 420, Comparative Economic Systems: Ideology, Theory & Practice (4 credits)

EC 422, Soviet & Post-Soviet Economics (4 credits)

WIC course

Students may fulfill the WIC course requirement by taking an appropriate WIC course in one of the participating departments (Economics, Foreign Languages & Literatures, History, Political Science). For example, when the topic of one of the following courses has to do with Russian affairs, any one of them may be selected: HST 407, PS 449, PS 459, PS 469. Another option is LS 428 (not offered on a regular basis).

Students should consult with Vreneli Farber when choosing an appropriate WIC course.