

MODERN LANGUAGES - BA, RUSSIAN OPTION

The BA in Modern Languages (MODL) supports and advances students' international and global competencies. Students can choose to major in French, German, or Russian. Courses are designed to offer students extended study of the languages, literatures, social histories, and cultures of these language communities.

In addition to classes, the department offers summer study abroad programs for credit. Departmental faculty and advising staff also work closely with students to match their interests with semester and full-year programs abroad. The careful combination of foreign language skills with other curricula enhances preparation for careers in industry, government, academia and the non-profit sectors.

Students will be required to complete, by coursework or placement test, all 100- and 200-level courses in sequence. Once a student has received credit for a higher-level language course, the student is no longer eligible to receive credit for prerequisite courses.

Program Requirements

First Year

		Semester Credit Hours
Fall		
ENGL 104	Composition and Rhetoric	3
	Government/Political science (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science)	3
	Mathematics (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics) ¹	3
	General elective ²	4
	General elective ²	1
Semester Credit Hours		14

Spring

	American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)	3
	Creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts)	3
	Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	3
	Literature directed elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/)	3
	General elective ²	4
Semester Credit Hours		16

Second Year

Fall		
RUSS 201 or RUSS 221	Intermediate Russian I ² or Field Studies I	3

	Communication (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication)	3
	Language, philosophy and culture (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture)	3
	Social and behavioral sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences)	3
	Literature directed elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/)	3

Semester Credit Hours 15

Spring

RUSS 202 or RUSS 222	Intermediate Russian II ² or Field Studies II	3
	American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)	3
	Government/Political science (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science)	3
	Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	3
	General elective or minor ³	3

Semester Credit Hours 15

Third Year

Fall		
RUSS 301	Advanced Grammar and Composition I	3
	Select one of the following:	3
RUSS 441/ EURO 441	The Russian Novel I: Tolstoy and Dostoevsky	
RUSS 442/ EURO 442	The Russian Novel II: The Twentieth Century	
RUSS 443/ EURO 443	Contemporary Russian Prose	
RUSS 444/ EURO 444	Russian Drama	

	Social and behavioral sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences)	3
	Minor ³	3
	General elective ²	3

Semester Credit Hours 15

Spring

RUSS 302	Advanced Grammar and Composition II	3
RUSS 446/ EURO 446	Russian Artistic Culture I: Beginnings to 1900	3
or RUSS 447/ EURO 447	or Russian Artistic Culture II: 1890 to Present	
	Mathematics (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics) ¹	3
	Minor ³	3
	General elective ²	3

Semester Credit Hours 15

Fourth Year**Fall**

Life and physical sciences (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences>) 3

Minor³ 3

Russian elective⁴ 3

Russian elective⁴ 3

General elective² 3

Semester Credit Hours 15

Spring

RUSS 410 Seminar in Russian Studies 3

Minor³ 3

Minor³ 3

Russian elective⁴ 3

Russian elective⁴ 3

Semester Credit Hours 15

Total Semester Credit Hours 120

¹ At least three hours must be in MATH. Three hours may be PHIL 240.

² Select from any 100-499 courses not used elsewhere (except RUSS 200-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/russ/>)). RUSS 101 and RUSS 102 are prerequisites for intermediate RUSS courses and will count as general electives in the degree plan. If you choose to enroll in a language you have studied previously without receiving college credit, you must first take a placement test. See the Foreign Language paragraph.

³ See the Minor Field of Study paragraph.

⁴ Select from RUSS 203-220 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/russ/>), RUSS 223-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/russ/>), up to 6 hours of EURO 440-449 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/euro/>).

Graduation requirements include 3 hours of International and Cultural Diversity (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/international-cultural-diversity-requirements/>) courses and 3 hours of Cultural Discourse (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/cultural-discourse-requirements/>) courses. A course satisfying a core category, a college/department requirement, or a free elective can be used to satisfy this requirement. The required 6 hours may be met by courses satisfying other areas of a degree program. See your academic advisor for further information.

Foreign Language

Students entering Modern Languages - Russian take a placement exam to determine the level of and number of required Russian courses. Exam results may fulfill a maximum of 14 semester credit hours.

- Students placed in 101 will take 101, 102, 201 and 202 and 27 semester credit hours at the 300- or 400-level.
- Students placed in 102 will take 102, 201 and 202 and 27 semester credit hours at the 300- or 400-level.
- Students placed in 201 will take 201 and 202 and 27 semester credit hours at the 300- or 400-level.

- Students placed in 202 will take 202 and 27 semester credit hours at the 300- or 400-level.
- Students placing out of 101, 102, 201 and 202 will take 27 semester credit hours at the 300- or 400-level

Minor Field of Study

All Modern Language majors must select a minor field of study from departments or divisions within or outside of the College of Arts and Sciences or in a particular area of interest (as in the case of interdisciplinary minors). The minor will consist of a minimum of 15 hours of coursework, as defined by the minor department. No more than 9 credit hours may be at the 100-299 level. Interdisciplinary minors such as women's and gender studies, classical studies, religious studies, and business have specific requirements; students should consult undergraduate advisors in these areas of study. A second major may substitute for the minor. Courses used to meet the minor requirements may not be used in the major. See also the statement on "Minor Field of Study" under the general requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences. In general, the careful combination of foreign language skills with other major curricula enhances preparation for careers in business, industry and government. Teaching certification is available to majors through the School of Education and Human Development. Consult the School of Education and Human Development section under secondary teacher certification for additional information.

Any departmental major must earn a C or better in all major and minor coursework.

No more than 12 hours of RUSS 200-299 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/russ/>) may be used for this degree.

Other courses may qualify for the college and university requirements categories. Students should consult the approved list of courses available in the Undergraduate Student Services Office in the College of Arts and Sciences. The lists incorporate University Core Curriculum requirements. No course can be counted in more than one category.