Choose Russian. Learn this strategic language. Study abroad with prestigious scholarships. Appreciate some of the world's greatest art. Travel Eurasia. Challenge yourself. Russian remains one of the less-commonly taught yet critically needed languages. Studying Russian can open doors to careers in government, NGOs and international organizations.

**Description**

Students pursuing a minor in Russian gain novice to intermediate language skills and an understanding of the literature and cultures of Russian-speaking peoples and regions. With Russia as an active player in world affairs on the international stage, knowledge of Russian language and culture is a valuable asset for students interested in government, diplomacy and international affairs and commerce.

The Russian language program cooperates with the Melikian Center to offer a transdisciplinary baccalaureate certificate in Russian, Eurasian and East European studies for students in agribusiness, anthropology, architecture, economics, geography, history, political science, religious studies, Russian, sociology and women's studies.

Students are encouraged to study abroad. The ASU exchange program in Russian language and translation offers students the opportunity to study in Moscow, St. Petersburg or Kazan.

**At a Glance**

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe campus](#)

**Program Requirements**
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The Russian minor consists of 18 credit hours, of which at least 12 credit hours must be upper-division. All courses must be completed with a grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or better.

Core Requirements -- 6 credit hours
RUS 311: Russian Composition and Conversation I (G) (3)
RUS 312: Russian Composition and Conversation II (G) (3)

Literature Course (choose one) -- 3 credit hours
RUS 322: Scandals and Scoundrels: The Nineteenth-Century Russian Novel (L or HU) (3)
RUS 323: Russian Literature and Revolution: The Twentieth Century ((L or HU) & G) (3)
RUS 421: Pushkin (L or HU) (3)
RUS 425 / THE 425: Chekhov and Russian Drama (L or HU) (3)
RUS 430: Russian Short Story (L or HU) (3)
RUS 439 / SLC 439: Art in Exile: Vladímir Vladímirovich Nabokov (L or HU) (3)

Electives (choose three) -- 9 credit hours
At least one course must be completed at the upper-division level.
RUS 141: Russian Civilization: From Tsars to Putin ((L or HU) & G & H) (3)
RUS 211: Basic Russian Conversation I (G) (3)
RUS 212: Basic Russian Conversation II (G) (3)
RUS 322: Scandals and Scoundrels: The Nineteenth-Century Russian Novel (L or HU) (3)
RUS 323: Russian Literature and Revolution: The Twentieth Century ((L or HU) & G) (3)
RUS 411: Advanced Composition and Conversation I (G) (3)
RUS 412: Advanced Composition and Conversation II (G) (3)
RUS 421: Pushkin (L or HU) (3)
RUS 430: Russian Short Story (L or HU) (3)
RUS 439 / SLC 439: Art in Exile: Vladímir Vladímirovich Nabokov (L or HU) (3)
RUS 440: Russian Mass Media (G) (3)
RUS 484: Internship (3)
RUS 493: Honors Thesis (L) (3)
SLV 304: Digital Humanities for Language Majors (CS) (3)
SLV 440: History of Slavic Languages (SB) (3)
SLV 484: Internship (3)
SLV 493: Honors Thesis (L) (3)

Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this minor.
Enrollment Requirements

GPA Requirement: 2.00

Incompatible Majors: BA in Russian

Other Enrollment Requirements: None

Students who wish to add a minor in Russian may do so by contacting the School of International Letters and Cultures advising office.

Current ASU undergraduate students may pursue a minor and have it recognized on their ASU transcript at graduation. Students interested in pursuing a minor should consult their academic advisor to declare the minor and to ensure that an appropriate set of courses is taken. Minor requirements appear on the degree audit once the minor is added. Certain major and minor combinations may be deemed inappropriate by the college or department of either the major program or the minor. Courses taken for the minor may not count toward both the major and the minor. Students should contact their academic advisor for more information.

Career Opportunities

A minor enables students to enhance the marketable skills and knowledge they acquire in their major program and to also develop additional competencies.

A minor in Russian studies equips students with communication and cultural competency skills, a valuable benefit when they will pursue careers in political analysis, education, tourism and hospitality, the military and sociology or marketing.

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