

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences
Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures
Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Languages (BAFL)
RUSSIAN MAJOR
For students entering under UG Catalog 2023-2024

Common Degree Core (21 credit hours)

All language majors under the BA in Foreign Languages share the following Common Degree Core requirements (21 credit hour total):

- First year experience (3 credit hours)
- Language (6-15 credit hours)
- Other language-program-specific courses (3-12 credit hours)

First year experience (3 cr)

____ RLCL 1004 Introduction to Religion and Culture (3)

Language (e.g. oral, written, interpretive) (6 cr)

Both of the following:

____ *RUS 2105 Intermediate Russian (3 cr.)

____ *RUS 2106 Intermediate Russian (3 cr.)

OR

____ *RUS 2114 Accelerated Intermediate Russian (6 cr.)

Other language-program-specific courses (e.g. literature, culture, linguistics) (12 cr)

____ *RUS 3105 Grammar, Composition and Conversation (3 cr.)

____ *RUS 3106 Grammar, Composition and Conversation (3 cr.)

____ RUS 3124 Russian for Oral Proficiency (3 cr.)

____ *RUS 4204¹ Topics in Russian Culture and Civilization (3 cr.)

Major Requirements (15 credit hours)

____ *RUS 4304¹ Studies in Russian Literature (3)

____ RUS 4xxx (could include 4204¹ if repeated)

No more than three of the following (taught in English):

____ RUS 2734^{1,2} Introduction to Russian Culture and Civilization (3 cr.)

____ *RUS 3304² Survey of Nineteenth-Century Russian Literature in Translation (3 cr.)

____ *RUS 3314² Survey of Twentieth-Century Russian Literature in Translation (3 cr.)

____ *RUS/ENGL 3424^{1,2} Topics in Russian Literature in English (3 cr.)

____ *RUS/ENGL 3434² The Works of Vladimir Nabokov (3 cr.)

¹ May be repeated for credit with different content.

² May also count toward Pathways.

*course requires pre-requisite

Notes

- In-major courses: All of the above are considered in-major courses
- Students must earn 36 credit hours for the Russian major regardless of initial course placement.
- Students must have a 2.0 in-major GPA in Russian and earn a C or better in each course (except those offered P/F only) for it to count towards the major.

Pathways to General Education Requirements (45 credit hours)

Area 1: Discourse (9 credit hours)

_____ (foundational) (3)
_____ (foundational) (3)
_____ (advanced/applied) (3)

Area 2: Critical Thinking in the Humanities (6 credit hours)

_____ (3)
_____ (3)

Area 3: Reasoning in the Social Sciences (6 credit hours)

_____ (3)
_____ (3)

Area 4: Reasoning in the Natural Sciences (6 credit hours)

_____ (3)
_____ (3)

Area 5: Quantitative and Computational Thinking (9 credit hours)

_____ (foundational) (3)
_____ (foundational) (3)
_____ (advanced/applied) (3)

Area 6: Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts (6 credit hours)

_____ (design) (3)
_____ (arts) (3)

Area 7: Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the United States (3 credit hours)
(may be double-counted with another core concept)

_____ (3)

Free Electives (complete remaining credit hours needed to satisfy degree 120 credit hours requirement)

Total Hours Required: 120 credit hours required for graduation

Additional Graduation Requirements: As a major in Russian, you will have completed the Foreign Language (FL) requirement at Virginia Tech

Additional Information on Requirements: Courses for the major or Pathways cannot be taken Pass/Fail, except for RUS 3124. Courses taken in the major may count toward meeting the Pathways requirements.

Pre-/Co-Requisite: Some courses required for this major have pre-/co-requisite and/or enrollment requirements. Please refer to Undergraduate Course Catalog or consult your advisor for information about pre-/co-requisite and enrollment requirements.

Satisfactory Progress: By the time a student majoring in Russian has completed 72 semester credits (including transfer, advanced placement, advance standing, credit by examination, and course withdrawal), the student must have completed satisfactorily the following courses in Russian: 3105, 3106, and 3304. Satisfactory completion means a C or better.

Transfer Credits: Students may transfer no more than 18 of the last 45 cr. of coursework. Study Abroad credits fall under this rule if they are not VT-sponsored study abroad programs. At least 25% of the 120 hours required for the degree and 25% of the 33 hours required for the major must be completed at VT. A form titled "Authorization to Take Courses Elsewhere" must be filled out and signed by the student, the student's Russian advisor, and the Director of the Office of Education Abroad before the student departs on the study abroad program.