

Russian Studies Highlights

The Russian Studies major is an interdisciplinary program that provides students with knowledge of the Russian language, culture, literature, history, politics, and other areas of interest within the Russian context. Here are some of the program's highlights:

- We offer a broad range of courses in the Russian language, from Elementary Russian to advanced level classes that focus on conversation, writing, film, literature, and business.
- Small class sizes allow for individual attention and language practice in a relaxed atmosphere.
- Students have an opportunity to speak Russian at weekly Conversation Tables led by instructors, as well as engage in individual conversation partnerships with their peers.
- Through the courses that are offered in English by faculty from different departments, students learn about Russian culture and civilization, literature, history, and politics.
- Our faculty maintain cutting-edge knowledge in the field, are sought after as conference speakers, and are dedicated to making our students successful in their future careers.
- Interested students have plenty of opportunities to engage in research through coursework and Independent Studies mentored by faculty. In fact, our students regularly present their research papers at prestigious national and regional conferences.
- Our Russian Club hosts various extra-curricular events, including field-trips to museums and art exhibitions, guest speakers, film screenings, food tasting, to name just a few.
- We offer semester-long and short-term study abroad programs in Russia.
- Our majors are very well prepared for graduate work leading to careers in international organizations, the foreign service, research, and teaching, to name just a few.
- Our alumni have used their background in Russian Studies to work in NGOs and international organizations, cultural exchange programs in post-Soviet countries, international business and law, FEMA, or become teachers and translators.