

Russian

In the Department of European Studies
In the College of Arts and Letters

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Offered by the Department of European Studies

Major in Russian with the B.A. degree in liberal arts and sciences.
Teaching major in Russian for the single subject teaching credential in foreign languages.
Major in European studies, with emphasis in Russian.
See European Studies.
Major in international business, with emphasis in Russian.
See International Business.
Minor in Russian.

The Major

Russian is one of the most widely used languages in the world today. About one-third of all scientific articles are published in Russian. Some of the world's great literature has been produced by Russian writers such as Tolstoy, Chekhov, and Solzhenitsyn. The political impact of the Commonwealth of Independent States is felt internationally. Knowledge of Russian will provide students with a better understanding of one of the world's important and influential countries.

The Russian program offers a wide range of courses, including specialized courses in literature and linguistics. This major is useful preparation for graduate programs in international trade, international law, librarianship, public administration, and journalism. This program requires intensive scholarly investigation and may prepare students for careers in which fluency in Russian is essential.

Knowledge of Russian, particularly when combined with business related courses, is becoming a valuable asset. Many American firms have opened offices in Moscow and St. Petersburg, and the volume of American trade with Russia has been growing at a rapid pace. As a result, there are indications of an expanding interest in Russian graduates by American business organizations with employment possibilities in the United States and Russia. Moreover, students may consider the option of pursuing a double major in another European language.

Other career possibilities include Russian specialists, generally employed by the federal government: high school teachers, librarians, translators, and interpreters.

Russian majors and minors are encouraged to explore the opportunities for study in Russia that are now becoming available.

Advising

All College of Arts and Letters majors are urged to consult with their department adviser as soon as possible; they are required to meet with their department adviser within the first two semesters after declaration or change of major.

Major Academic Plans (MAPs)

Visit <http://www.sdsu.edu/mymap> for the recommended courses needed to fulfill your major requirements. The MAPs Web site was created to help students navigate the course requirements for their majors and to identify which General Education course will also fulfill a major preparation course requirement.

Russian Major

**With the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences
(Major Code: 11061)**

All candidates for a degree in liberal arts and sciences must complete the graduation requirements listed in the section of this catalog on "Graduation Requirements." No more than 53 units in Russian courses can apply to the degree.

Students majoring in Russian must complete a minor in another field to be approved by the departmental adviser in Russian.

International Experience Requirement. All Russian majors are required to complete a study abroad program in Russia or any other Slavic-language speaking country, consisting of a minimum of six units (90 hours). However, all majors are strongly encouraged to complete a more extensive abroad experience by participating in a semester or academic year program. To fulfill the study abroad requirement, Russian majors must enroll in an approved program. Unapproved study abroad programs will not meet the international experience requirement for the major.

Preparation for the Major. Russian 100A, 100B, 110, 200A, 200B. (23 units)

Language Requirement. The language requirement for graduation is automatically fulfilled through coursework for preparation for the major.

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. Passing the Writing Proficiency Assessment with a score of 10 or above or completing one of the approved upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of C (2.0) or better. See "Graduation Requirements" section for a complete listing of requirements.

Major. A minimum of 30 upper division units in Russian to include Russian 301, 305A or 305B, 310, 311, 430, 441, 501; and nine units of upper division electives in Russian.

Russian Major

**In preparation for the Single Subject Teaching Credential
in Foreign Languages
With the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences
(Major Code: 11061)**

All candidates for a teaching credential must complete all requirements as outlined in this section of the catalog under Policy Studies or Teacher Education. For students completing the single subject teaching credential program, no more than 48 units in Russian courses can apply to the degree.

This major may be used by students in policy studies or teacher education as an undergraduate major for the B.A. degree in liberal arts and sciences. A minor in another field approved by the departmental adviser in Russian is required for the degree.

Preparation for the Major. Russian 100A, 100B, 200A, 200B. (20 units)

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Language Requirement. The language requirement for graduation is automatically fulfilled through coursework for preparation for the major.

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. Passing the Writing Proficiency Assessment with a score of 10 or above or completing one of the approved upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of C (2.0) or better. See "Graduation Requirements" section for a complete listing of requirements.

Major. A minimum of 24 upper division units in Russian to include 301, 303, 305A, 305B, 430, 501; and six units in 400- or 500-level courses in Russian.

Proficiency Examination. Before taking a student teaching assignment in Russian, the candidate for the credential may be required to pass an oral and written proficiency examination in the language, administered by the Department of European Studies. The candidate must consult with the chair of the department concerning this examination.

Russian Minor

The minor in Russian consists of a minimum of 22 units to include Russian 110, 200A, 200B, Russian 301 or 311, and six units of upper division Russian courses. Any course taught in English, except Russian 110, needs department approval to apply to the minor requirements.

Courses in the minor may not be counted toward the major, but may be used to satisfy preparation for the major and general education requirements, if applicable. A minimum of six upper division units must be completed in residence at San Diego State University.

Language Requirement for the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences

Students electing the study of Russian to fulfill the language requirement for the Bachelor of Arts degree in liberal arts and sciences must successfully complete Russian 200A or the equivalent level of achievement. The usual sequence of coursework is Russian 100A, 100B, and 200A. Refer to section of catalog on "Graduation Requirements" for additional ways to satisfy competency.

High School Equivalents

High school foreign language courses may be used for purposes of placement in college courses and may be counted toward meeting the language requirement in various majors. These high school courses will not count as college credit toward graduation.

Secondary school language courses can be used as follows:

1. The first **two years** of high school level language count as the equivalent of the first semester of a college level course, although students with fewer than three years of high school level language may complete the first semester college course for graduation credit.

2. The first **three years** of high school level language count as the equivalent of the first two college semesters, although students with fewer than four years of high school level language may complete the second semester college course for graduation credit. Students who have completed three years of foreign language in high school will not receive credit for the first semester college course unless at least five years separate the last high school course and the first college course.

3. **Four years** of high school level language count as the equivalent of three college semesters or five college quarters, thus fulfilling the language requirement.

