

RUSSIAN, B.A.

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

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Program Description

The B.A. in Russian provides the student with a command of spoken and written Russian and a general knowledge of the literature and culture of the Russian people. For admission to the major students must have completed RUS 3 and RUS 410 or demonstrate an equivalent level. Study in Russia under the University's Education Abroad Program is available for qualified students. Students are advised to combine their study of Russian with another major or minor, such as another world language, English, history, political science, the East European Studies minor, the Business/Liberal Arts minor, or the Linguistics minor. Graduates of this program have found employment in international business, the U.S. government, in the educational and publishing fields, and in the travel industry.

What is Russian?

Russian Studies is an interdisciplinary sub-field of the Humanities and Slavic Studies that pertains to linguistics, literature, arts, history, politics, and more, with a primary focus on the language, literature, and culture of historical and contemporary Russia, including the Soviet period and the Russian-speaking diaspora.

You Might Like This Program If...

- You understand the critical role that Russia plays in the world.
- You are considering an academic or professional career requiring strong training in a world language.
- Your first major is History, Comparative Literature, International Relations, Journalism, Linguistics, or other fields in which a knowledge of Russian is advantageous.
- You want to discover the rich world of Russian literature, arts, and cinema.
- Mastering Russian is important in your field, for example, in aerospace engineering, the computer sciences, and other sciences.