Department of Modern Languages
The Minor in Russian Studies

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Required Units: 54
The minor in Russian Studies is jointly administered by the Departments of History and Modern Languages. Students are required to fulfill requirements in history and in language and culture.

Students may double count a maximum of one course taken for the Russian Studies minor that is also being used to fulfill the requirements of other majors, minors, and programs.

Prerequisites
Elementary-level proficiency in the Russian language. This is equivalent to the completion of two courses at the 100-level, or placement or exemption based on Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate or CMU internal placement test scores. In all cases, progress will be accelerated by study abroad, which is highly recommended for all minors. (Study abroad advisor - Dr. Tatyana Gershkovich – tgershko@andrew.cmu.edu).

1. Core Course(s) in History  18 units
   Complete one course.*
   79-265 Russian History from the First to the Last Czar
   79-266 Modern Russian History: From Communism to Capitalism
   *Both courses are recommended.

2. Required Electives in History
   Complete one course. In consultation with the minor advisor, students may choose a substitute.
   79-267 Soviet Union in World War II: Military and Political History
   79-341 The Cold War in Documents and Film

3. Core Courses in Modern Languages  18 units
   Complete both courses.
   82-291 Intermediate Russian I (or demonstrated equivalent)
   82-292 Intermediate Russian II (or demonstrated equivalent)

   N.B. Should a student enter the Russian Studies program with demonstrated language proficiency at the intermediate or advanced level, higher level courses will be used to complete the required total of 27 units of core courses in Modern Languages. Advanced language options include Special Topics: Russian, a repeatable course, as well as subject-oriented language supplements to existing courses taught in English in a variety of fields. The student can add a language supplement (3 units) to selected 9-unit electives, earning a total of 12 units for the language-supplemented course.

4. Interdisciplinary Electives  18 units
   Complete two courses. This list is compiled from possibilities such as but not limited to the following. Students should consult OLR and their minor advisor for the most up to date interdisciplinary electives appropriate for the Russian Studies curriculum. Courses may be suggested to the minor advisor for approval as a substitute. Note that not all courses are offered each semester.

   History
   79-205 20th Century Europe
   79-231 American Foreign Policy: 1945-Present
   79-265 Russian History from the First to the Last Tsar
   79-266 Modern Soviet History: From Communism to Capitalism
   79-267 Soviet Union in World War II: Military and Political History
   79-322 Family and Gender History in Russia
   79-341 The Cold War in Documents and Film
Modern Languages
82-283  Language Diversity and Cultural Identity
82-294* Topics in Russian Language and Culture
82-296  A Century of Russian Film
82-396  The Faust Legend at Home and Abroad (or 82-193 which is a Freshman Seminar)
82-397  Russia’s Demons
82-399* Special Topics: Russian
82-400A Literature and Culture of 19th Century Russia (mini, 6 units)
82-400B Literature and Culture of 20th Century Russia (mini, 6 units)
82-491* Topics in 20th Century Russian Literature
82-492  The Historical Imagination in Nineteenth-Century Russian Literature
82-505  Undergraduate Internship
*Students may repeat these courses with new topics.

Social and Decision Sciences
88-326  Theories of International Relations
88-408  Attitudes: The Media and Conflict in International Relations

Study Abroad
A semester or year of study abroad is strongly recommended. Consult with your advisor and the Office of International Education (OIE) about possible options. Students are encouraged to spend a semester or summer in Russia via an approved exchange program. Many exchange programs offer instruction in Russian language, history, literature, and culture, in internationally recognized universities. They also offer travel to ancient sites and cities, visits to museums, palaces, exhibitions, and monuments, and the opportunity to live with a Russian host family. Scholarship opportunities are available.