

BHA-Russian Studies

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Bachelor of Humanities and Arts (BHA)

Dietrich College (DC) Concentration in Russian Studies

84 units (minimum)

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A BHA concentration in Russian Studies promotes not just language proficiency but also an understanding of Russian culture. Students who arrive at Carnegie Mellon with previous language study and/or who have high Advanced Placement, an International Baccalaureate, a Cambridge GCE Advanced level or internal placement exam scores will be able to begin taking courses in the concentration earlier in their undergraduate program. In all cases, progress in the concentration will be accelerated by study abroad, which is recommended for all students.

BHA students take at least 9 courses in their DC concentration, for a minimum of 81 units. A completed DC Concentration Declaration Sheet must be approved by the concentration advisor and submitted to the BXA office by spring mid-semester break of the student's sophomore year. BHA students who are admitted through internal transfer must have chosen a DC concentration at the time of their application, which serves as declaration.

Prerequisites

There are no language prerequisites for the Russian major. Students with native or near-native proficiency in Russian or with prior study at the elementary or intermediate level may begin language study at a higher level, based on consultation with the concentration advisor and placement through CMU placement tests.

Core Courses in Russian Language

(4 courses, 39 units minimum)

Complete at least four semesters of Russian language study. Students who take Intensive Elementary Russian and those who place into higher level courses will still need to complete four semesters of language study.

82-191	Elementary Russian I	12
82-192	Elementary Russian II	12
82-291	Intermediate Russian I	12
82-292	Intermediate Russian II	12
82-194	Intensive Elementary Russian (I & II)	15

Core Courses in Languages, Cultures and Applied Linguistics (LCAL)

(1 course, 9 units)

82-282	Interpreting Global Texts & Cultures	9
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Foundational Courses in Russian Studies

(2 courses, 18 units)

82-294	19 th Century Russian Masterpieces	9,12
or 82-295	20 th Century Russian Masterpieces (9)	
79-269	Russian History: From Socialism to Capitalism *	9

*Other courses with a historical focus are available in the Department of History or LCAL. Please consult the concentration advisor for more options.

Russian Studies Electives

(2 courses, 18 units)

In consultation with the concentration advisor, choose two additional courses focusing on Russia, Eastern Europe, or Eurasia. Students may substitute one relevant and related course from outside the program (i.e., another LCAL course) or from another department (e.g., History, CMIST, Philosophy, English).