RUSSIAN (CAS)

Description

The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures offers courses in Arabic, German, Japanese, the Romance Language group (French, Spanish), and the Slavic group (Czech, Russian). Whenever possible, the courses are conducted in the language that is studied. The aim of instruction is reading, writing, aural and oral proficiency, and an understanding of the life, literature, and culture of the country. Lectures and films in the language studied are offered during the school year for the benefit of the students in the department. Language laboratories supplement class work.

The department participates in the following interdisciplinary study programs: Institute for Ethnic Studies, Global Studies, Jewish Studies, Latin American Studies, Medieval and Renaissance Studies, and Women’s and Gender Studies.

Students may receive full credit at the University of Nebraska for education-abroad programs in many countries, among these are Costa Rica, France, Germany, Spain, Russia, Japan, and the Czech Republic. See http://educationabroad.unl.edu for a guide to these programs.

Program Assessment. Across programs, majors and minors in the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures acquire a range of intercultural, communicative, intellectual, and practical skills that can enrich their lives and prepare them for productive and meaningful experiences and careers. In order to maintain the effectiveness of its programs, the Department regularly assesses learning outcomes. As part of this assessment, the Department measures the level of achievement of ACE 10 learning outcomes. In addition, majors in the Department are evaluated according to internationally recognized standards set forth by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) and other specific institutional measures that follow the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). Assessment of majors can also include a portfolio, an exit interview, exit surveys, and other forms of testing. Results of participation in this assessment activity will in no way affect a student’s GPA or graduation.

Admission

College Admission

The entrance requirements for the College of Arts and Sciences are the same as the UNL General Admission Requirements. Students who are admitted through the Admission by Review process may have certain conditions attached to their enrollment at UNL. These conditions are explained under “Removal of Deficiencies.”

In addition to these requirements, the College of Arts and Sciences strongly recommends a third and fourth year of one foreign language in high school. Four years of high school coursework in the same language will fulfill the College of Arts and Sciences’ language requirement. It will also allow students to continue language study at a more advanced level at UNL, and provide more opportunity to study abroad.

Advising

Academic and Career Advising

The Academic and Career Advising Center in 107 Oldfather is a centrally located and easily accessed resource for students in all majors in the College of Arts and Sciences. The professional academic advisors and career coaches offer 1-1 meetings on a walk-in and appointment basis weekdays. Advisors will provide assistance choosing majors and minors, understanding degree requirements and academic policies, completing paperwork, meeting deadlines, adding/dropping courses, and planning for graduation. In addition, career coaches can help students identify career options related to their interests and connect them with experiences like internships, research, and more that will prepare them for those career options. These specially trained advisors and coaches also serve as first point of contact in the College for all incoming freshmen and transfer students during New Student Enrollment.

Students in the College who have declared a major will be assigned an academic advisor who is their first point of contact for a variety of questions. Academic advisors help students be successful in adjusting to UNL overall as well as making progress toward degree completion. The assigned advisor may be located within the department of their primary major, or in the Advising Center. Students can identify their assigned advisor in MyRED on the academics tab. In addition, faculty advisors are experts in their discipline, including advanced coursework and requirements, opportunities for research, student organizations, and considering graduate school in the discipline. Students who have declared a pre-health or pre-law area of interest will also work with advisors in the Exploratory and Pre-Professional Advising Center (Explore Center) in 127 Love Library South, who are specially trained to guide students preparing to enter a professional school.

For complete and current information on advisors for majors, minors, or pre-professional areas, contact the Arts and Sciences Academic and Career Advising Center, 107 Oldfather Hall, 402-472-4190, http://cas.unl.edu/advising.

College Degree Requirements

College Distribution Requirements

Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science (16 hours + Language)

The College of Arts and Sciences distribution requirements are designed to ensure a breadth of courses within the liberal arts degree. By engaging in study in several different areas within the College, students develop the ability to learn in a variety of ways and apply their knowledge from a variety of perspectives. All requirements are in addition to University ACE requirements.

- A student may not use a single course to satisfy both an ACE outcome and a College distribution requirement.
- A student may not use a single course to satisfy more than one College Distribution Requirement.
- A student may not use a course from their primary major to satisfy the Breadth Requirement (F), but may apply an ancillary requirement of the primary major or a course from their second major toward this requirement.
- Independent study, directed readings, or internship courses cannot be used to satisfy a College Distribution Requirement.
- Cross-listed courses from interdisciplinary programs will be applied in the same area as courses from the home/cross-listed department.

College Distribution Requirements

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<td>CDR B and BL - Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences with Lab</td>
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Select from biochemistry, biological sciences, chemistry, computer science, geology, meteorology, mathematics, physics and statistics. Must include one lab in the natural or physical sciences. Lab courses may be selected from biochemistry, biological sciences, chemistry, geology, meteorology and physics.

Some courses from geography and anthropology may also be used to satisfy the lab requirement above. 1

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Select from classics, English, history, modern languages and literatures, philosophy, and religious studies. 2

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<th>CDR D - Social Science</th>
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Select from anthropology, communication studies, geography, political science, psychology, or sociology. 3

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<th>CDR E - Language</th>
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Fulfilled by the completion of the 6-credit-hour second-year sequence in a single foreign language in one of the following departments: Classics and religious studies, or modern languages and literature. Instruction is currently available in Arabic, Chinese, Czech, French, German, Greek, Japanese, Latin, Russian, and Spanish.

A student who has completed the fourth-year level of one foreign language in high school is exempt from the languages requirement, but encouraged to continue on in their language study.

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Select from natural, physical and mathematical sciences (Area B), humanities (Area C), or social sciences (Area D). Cannot be a course from the primary major.

Credit Hours Subtotal: 16-32

1 See Degree Audit or a College of Arts and Sciences advisor for approved geography and anthropology courses that apply as natural science.

2 Language courses numbered 210 and below do not fulfill the CDR C.

3 See Degree Audit or College of Arts and Sciences advisor for list of natural/physical science courses in anthropology, geography, and psychology that do not apply as social science.

### Scientific Base

#### Bachelor of Science Only (60 hours)

The bachelor of science degree requires students to complete 60 hours in mathematical, physical and natural sciences. Approved courses for scientific base credit come from the following College of Arts and Sciences disciplines: actuarial science, anthropology (selected courses), astronomy, biochemistry (excluding BIOL 101), biological sciences (excluding BIOS 100 or BIOS 203), chemistry (excluding CHEM 101), computer science (excluding CSCE 10), geography (selected courses), geology, life sciences, mathematics (excluding courses below MATH 104), meteorology, microbiology, physics and statistics.

See your degree audit or a College of Arts and Sciences advisor for a complete list including individual classes that fall outside of the disciplines listed above. Up to 12 hours of scientific and technical courses offered by other colleges may be accepted toward this requirement with approval of a college advisor.

### Language Requirement

UNL and the College of Arts and Sciences place great value on academic exposure and proficiency in a second language. The UNL entrance requirement of two years of the same foreign language or the College's language distribution requirement (CDR E) will rarely be waived and only with relevant documentation. See the main College of Arts and Sciences page for more details.

### Minimum Hours Required for Graduation

A minimum of 120 semester hours of credit is required for graduation from the College of Arts and Sciences. A total grade point average of at least 2.0 is required.

### Grade Rules

#### Restrictions on C- and D Grades

The College will accept no more than 15 semester hours of C- and D grades from other domestic institutions except for UNO and UNK. All courses taken at UNO and UNK impact the UNL transcript. No transfer of C- and D grades can be applied toward requirements in a major or a minor. No UNL C- and D grades can be applied toward requirements in a major or a minor. International coursework (including education abroad) with a final grade equivalent to a C- or lower will not be validated by College of Arts and Sciences departments to be degree applicable.

#### Pass/No Pass Privilege

The College of Arts and Sciences adheres to the University regulations for the Pass/No Pass (P/N) privilege with the following additional regulations:

- Pass/No Pass hours can count toward fulfillment of University ACE requirements and college distribution requirements up to the 24-hour maximum.
- Most arts and sciences departments and programs do not allow courses graded Pass/No Pass to apply to the major or minor. Students should refer to the department's or program's section of the catalog for clarification. By college rule, departments can allow up to 6 hours of Pass/No Pass in the major or minor.
- Departments may specify that certain courses of theirs can be taken only on a P/N basis.
- The college will permit no more than a total of 24 semester hours of P/N grades to be applied toward degree requirements. This total includes all Pass grades earned at UNL and other U.S. schools. **NOTE:** This 24-hour limit is more restrictive than the University regulation.

### Grading Appeals

A student who feels that he/she has been unfairly graded must ordinarily take the following sequential steps in a timely manner, usually by initiating the appeal in the semester following the awarding of the grade:

1. Talk with the instructor concerned. Most problems are resolved at this point.
2. Talk to the instructor's department chairperson.
3. Take the case to the Grading Appeal Committee of the department concerned. The Committee should be contacted through the department chairperson.
4. Take the case to the College Grading Appeals Committee by contacting the Dean's Office, 1223 Oldfather Hall.

### Course Level Requirements

#### Courses Numbered at the 300 or 400 Level

Thirty (30) of the 120 semester hours of credit must be in courses numbered at the 300 or 400 level. Of those 30 hours, 15 hours (1/2) must be completed in residence at UNL.
Residency Requirement
Students must complete at least 30 of the 120 total hours for their degree at UNL. Students must complete at least 1/2 of their major coursework including 6 hours at the 300 or 400 level in their major, and 15 of the 30 hours required at the 300 or 400 level in residence. Credit earned during education abroad may be used toward the residency requirement only if students register through UNL.

ACE Requirements
Consistent with the mission and values of the University, ACE is based on a shared set of four institutional objectives and ten student learning outcomes. The ACE program was approved by faculty in all eight undergraduate colleges and endorsed by the Faculty Senate, the student government, and the Academic Planning Committee in January 2008 for implementation in the fall 2009. ACE aligns with current national initiatives in general education.

To meet the ACE Program requirement, a student will complete a minimum of 3 credit hours for each of the ten ACE Student Learning Outcomes (a total of 30 ACE credit hours). See the ACE website at: http://ace.unl.edu for the most current information and the most recently certified courses.

Catalog to Use
Students must fulfill the requirements stated in the catalog for the academic year in which they are first admitted to and enrolled as a degree-seeking student at UNL. In consultation with advisors, a student may choose to follow a subsequent catalog for any academic year in which they are admitted to and enrolled as a degree-seeking student at UNL in the College of Arts and Sciences. Students must complete all degree requirements from a single catalog year. Beginning in 1990-1991 the catalog which a student follows for degree requirements may not be more than 10 years old at the time of graduation.

Learning Outcomes
Graduates of Russian will be able to:

1. Use advanced Russian grammar/communication (the spontaneous production of grammatically correct Russian).
2. Use advanced Russian stylistics (the ability to produce Russian in the style appropriate to the context).
3. Understand the culture and Literature of Russia and also the ability to discuss complex literary and cultural expressions at a sophisticated level, producing, demonstrating, and defending definable arguments and critical thinking.
4. Use proper research methodology (the ability to locate and to make productive use of secondary sources, to frame an argument by means of an effective structure).

Major Requirements
Twenty-seven (27) hours of courses numbered 300 or above.

Core Requirements

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Total Credit Hours 15

Additional Russian and Russian Studies
Select an additional RUSS course at the 300 level 3
Select an additional RUSS course at the 400 level 3
Select two additional courses in a related area at the 300 level or above. Specific choices include:

- A RUSS course at the 300 level or above
- HIST 330 Contemporaneous Europe
- HIST 338 War and Peace in Europe: 1914 to the Present
- HIST 339 The Holocaust
- HIST 362 Eastern Europe and the Balkans Since 1815

Credit Hours Subtotal: 12
Total Credit Hours 12

*Special Topics and other 300- or 400-level courses when related to Russian language, literature, and culture may be used by approval of the advisor.*

Minor Requirement
A minor is required and may be taken in any area.

Additional Major Requirements

Grade Rules

C- and D Grades
A grade of C or above is required for all courses in the major or minor.

Pass/No Pass
No course taken Pass/No Pass will be counted toward the major or minor.

Requirements for Minor Offered by Department

Twelve (12) hours of RUSS at the 300 level or above, including:

Select 6 hours of the following:

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Select a RUSS course at the 400 level 3
Select an additional RUSS course at the 300 level or above 3

Total Credit Hours 12

Grade Rules

C- and D Grades
A grade of C or better must be earned in all courses in the major or minor.

Pass/No Pass
No courses taken for Pass/No Pass credit will be applicable to the major of minor.
RUSS 101 Beginning Russian I
Description: Main emphasis on the development of comprehension of written and spoken Russian; reading of simple texts; oral and aural drill supplemented by practice in language laboratory.
Credit Hours: 5
Max credits per semester: 5
Max credits per degree: 5
Format: LEC
Prerequisite for: RUSS 102

RUSS 102 Beginning Russian II
Prerequisites: RUSS 101.
Description: Continuation of RUSS 101. Grammar, word structure, idioms.
Credit Hours: 5
Max credits per semester: 5
Max credits per degree: 5
Format: LEC
Prerequisite for: RUSS 201; RUSS 203; RUSS 204

RUSS 110 Accelerated Beginning Russian
Description: Covers the same material as RUSS 101 and 102.
Credit Hours: 9
Max credits per semester: 9
Max credits per degree: 9
Format: LEC
Prerequisite for: RUSS 201; RUSS 203; RUSS 204

RUSS 201 Second-Year Russian I
Prerequisites: RUSS 102 or RUSS 110.
Notes: See instructor if you believe an equivalent course(s) may count for prerequisite.
Description: Continuation of grammar, word structure, sentence formation, idioms. Reading of moderately difficult prose and conversational practice based on the texts.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
Prerequisite for: RUSS 202

RUSS 202 Second-Year Russian II
Prerequisites: RUSS 201
Notes: See instructor if you believe an equivalent course(s) may count for prerequisite.
Description: Continuation of RUSS 201. Class discussion and reports.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
Prerequisite for: RUSS 301; RUSS 302; RUSS 303; RUSS 304

RUSS 203 Composition and Conversation
Prerequisites: RUSS 102 or RUSS 110.
Description: Practice in writing and speaking. Enhances communication skills.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
Prerequisite for: RUSS 301; RUSS 302; RUSS 303; RUSS 304

RUSS 204 Composition, Conversation, and Culture
Prerequisites: RUSS 102 or RUSS 110.
Description: Emphasis on vocabulary acquisition, and on watching, discussing, and writing essays on various authentic cultural materials.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
Prerequisite for: RUSS 301; RUSS 302; RUSS 303; RUSS 304

RUSS 210 Accelerated Second Year Russian
Description: Same material as RUSS 201 and 202, and counts as 201/202 in satisfying the liberal education requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences.
Credit Hours: 6
Max credits per semester: 6
Max credits per degree: 6
Format: LEC
Prerequisite for: RUSS 301; RUSS 302; RUSS 303; RUSS 304

RUSS 301 Russian Cultural Studies
Prerequisites: RUSS 202; RUSS 203 or RUSS 204.
Description: Russian language instruction with emphasis on developing listening, reading, writing, and speaking skills through reading authentic texts (from Russian literature or Russian press) and watching authentic materials (films, shows, animation, programs, etc.). Emphasis is placed on mastering cultural competency.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
Prerequisite for: RUSS 408
ACE: ACE 5 Humanities

RUSS 302 Studies in Russian Culture and Film
Prerequisites: RUSS 202; RUSS 203 or RUSS 204
Notes: See instructor if you believe an equivalent course(s) may count for prerequisite.
Description: Russian language instruction with emphasis on strengthening writing and conversational skills in Russian through watching Russian movies. Aims to increase vocabulary acquisition for productive communication. Emphasis is on watching, discussing, critically analyzing, and writing essays on various issues raised in the films.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
Prerequisite for: RUSS 408
ACE: ACE 5 Humanities

RUSS 303 Advanced Composition, Grammar, and Conversation
Prerequisites: RUSS 202; RUSS 203 or RUSS 204.
Notes: See instructor if you believe an equivalent course(s) may count for prerequisite.
Description: Helps progress from Intermediate Level Proficiency to Advanced, develops the four basic language skills (speaking, listening, reading, and writing) and enhances cultural knowledge.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
Prerequisite for: RUSS 408
RUSS 301, 302, 303 or 304

Description: Survey of nineteenth century Russian literature, to include works by Lermontov, Pushkin, Gogol, Turgenev, Tolstoy, Dostoevsky and Chekhov. Prepares students to appreciate literature and acquaint them with Russian literature, culture and philosophy.

Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

ACE: ACE 5 Humanities

RUSS 483 Russian Literature in Translation II
Crosslisted with: RUSS 883
Prerequisites: Junior standing.

Description: Survey of twentieth-century Russian literature, to include works by Babel, Blok, Bely, Zamyatin, Bulgakov, Zoschcenko, Gorky, Sholokhov, Pasternak, Solzhenitsyn, and Rasputin. Prepares students to appreciate literature and acquaint them with Russian literature, culture and philosophy.

Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
ACE: ACE 5 Humanities
RUSS 491 Special Topics in Russian

Notes: Specific topic to be covered in any given semester and credit to be awarded to be determined by the instructor at that time. See instructor if you believe an equivalent course(s) may count for prerequisite.

Description: Language, literature, and civilization.

Credit Hours: 1-24
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 24
Max credits per degree: 24
Format: LEC

PLEASE NOTE
This document represents a sample 4-year plan for degree completion with this major. Actual course selection and sequence may vary and should be discussed individually with your college or department academic advisor. Advisors also can help you plan other experiences to enrich your undergraduate education such as internships, education abroad, undergraduate research, learning communities, and service learning and community-based learning.

Russian (B.A.)

Career Information

The following represents a sample of the internships, jobs and graduate school programs that current students and recent graduates have reported.

Transferable Skills

- Analyze and interpret difficult texts
- Communicate clearly using different forms of writing to and for a variety of different audiences
- Gain global perspective and high levels of intercultural awareness
- Listen actively and facilitate individual and group communication
- Develop a strong awareness of self and others
- Compose convincing arguments and present logical information
- Contextualize political, social, and historical events
- Defend and discuss complex issues from multiple angles
- Examine problems from multiple perspectives
- Express ideas creatively
- Interpret, compare, and contrast ideas
- Offer empathetic, sensitive, and patient interactions with others
- Perform analysis of social and cultural issues
- Provide a creative, inquisitive approach to problem-solving
- Simplify complex information and present it to others

Jobs of Recent Graduates

- Intelligence Analyst, BAE Systems/R2G - McLean VA
- Community Health Extensionist, Peace Corps - Washington DC
- Congressional Intern, Congressman Brad Ashford - Washington DC
- Account Executive, 93.7 The Ticket - Lincoln NE
- Logistics Officer, United States Air Force - England
- Network Engineer, Softbank - Tokyo, Japan
- Intern, Madison 56'ers - Madison WI
- Government Relations Intern, American Society of Hematology - Washington DC
- Financial Services Officer, Sacs Federal Credit Union - Omaha NE
- Chocolate Maker, Cultiva Espresso - Lincoln NE
- Paraprofessional, Lincoln Public Schools - Lincoln NE
- Student Naval Flight Officer, United States Navy - Pensacola FL
- Senior Coach in a High School, College Possible - Omaha NE

Internships

- Social and Media Intern, Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition - Lincoln NE
- Management Intern, Whispering Pines Bed and Breakfast - Nebraska City NE

Graduate & Professional Schools

- Master's Degree, Museum Studies, North Carolina State University - Raleigh NC
- Master's Degree, Linguistics, University of Potsdam - Potsdam Germany
- Master's Degree, Modern Languages & Literature, University College Dublin - Dublin, Ireland
- Master's Degree, Business Administration, University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Lincoln NE
- Juris Doctorate, Ohio State University - Columbus OH
- Bachelor's Degree, Nursing, Creighton University - Omaha NE
- Ph.D., Mathematics, University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Lincoln NE
- Master's Degree, Biological Systems Engineering, University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Lincoln NE
- Juris Doctorate, University of Massachusetts Law School - Dartmouth MA
- Master's Degree, European Studies, University of Wisconsin - Madison WI