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Welcome to the Russian major!

Students majoring in Russian have gone on to brilliant careers in a wide range of areas, including the State Department (Diplomatic Corps and Foreign Service), top ranking law schools, medical schools, Ph.D. programs in a range of disciplines, think tanks, financial corporations, consulting agencies, government agencies and others.

A major in Russian provides deep knowledge in the region across different disciplinary perspectives as well as a wide range of unique learning opportunities both at Duke and abroad. Programs include our Duke/St. Petersburg State University faculty and student exchange, summer and semester programs abroad, Duke Engage in St. Petersburg at the Russian Ministry of Health, Bass Connections, service learning and research opportunities.

The Russian major

The Russian major requires a minimum of ten courses in the department, eight of which must be at the 200-level or above.

All majors must take the following courses: RUS 203, 204, 301S, 302S, 401, 402 or equivalent.

Each major is additionally required to take 4 courses, of which at least three primarily focus on works of Russian culture (oral and written poetry and prose, drama, music, film, visual arts).

The department urges students to consider coursework that would include at least one 500-level course.

Advising

Students should write to the DUS, Professor Edna Andrews (eda@duke.edu) or the DUSA, David Baxter (david.baxter@duke.edu) as soon as they declare the major to set up their first advising meetings and for any questions. Students are allowed to select advisors at their first meeting with the DUS/DUSA.

We look forward to meeting with you soon!

Edna Andrews

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