

RUSSIAN, EAST EUROPEAN AND EURASIAN STUDIES - BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

The major in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies (REEES) is an interdisciplinary program focusing on study of the current cultural and social context, and the literary, artistic and historical aspects of Russian, East European and Eurasian cultures in the past and present. The aim of the language curriculum is to equip students to read, write, speak and understand Russian on a level allowing communication with fluent Russian speakers. Before registering for a language course other than RUSS 1010, students should consult with the undergraduate faculty advisor (<https://www.colorado.edu/gssl/russian/programs-degrees/russian-advising/>) concerning appropriate placement.

Students interested in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies may consider a double major in order to increase their career opportunities. Prospective teachers might combine REEES with a major in another foreign language, while those preparing for a career in government, business or social services may benefit from a combination of REEES and a social science or business major. Students structure their curriculum according to the departmental checklist for majors, in close consultation with a departmental advisor.

Study Abroad

The department strongly recommends that all Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies majors take part in an intensive language program, summer or semester long, in Russian-speaking countries or in the U.S. For more information on CU Study Abroad programs, visit the Education Abroad (<http://abroad.colorado.edu/>) website.

Courses Taught in English

Many of our content courses are offered in translation. These courses generally require no previous study in the language, history or culture of the area involved, and are open to all interested students, regardless of major.

Requirements

General Requirements

Students must complete at least 30 credit hours in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies (REEES), at least 18 of which must be completed at the 3000 or 4000 level, with grades of C- or better (none may be taken as pass/fail).

- RUSS 1010 and RUSS 1020 do not count toward the 30 credit hours required for the REEES major.
- Students may not receive credit for both RUSS 3060 and RUSS 4010 or RUSS 4020 and RUSS 4060. Choose either the RUSS 3060/RUSS 4060 sequence or the RUSS 4010/RUSS 4020 sequence.
- Beginning or middle-level language course requirements may be met by transfer credit or by testing out of the course. Students who enter the program at the third-year level must complete at least 18 credit hours in residence in courses numbered 3000 or above with grades of C- or better (none may be taken pass/fail).
- Students who enter at and enroll in Russian language courses at the 3000- or 4000-level may not receive credit for lower-division Russian

language courses, unless lower-division language coursework was completed prior to registration for 3000- and 4000-level Russian language courses.

- No course can be used for more than one category.

Students are required to structure their curriculum for the major in close consultation with the departmental advisor. (<https://www.colorado.edu/artsscience-advising/christine-luft/>) Students with advanced Russian language skills are strongly encouraged to meet with the undergraduate faculty advisor (<https://www.colorado.edu/gssl/russian/programs-degrees/russian-advising/>) to discuss language placement. Students who have Russian language transfer credit and/or students who are Russian language native or heritage speakers may enter the program at the upper-division level, up to RUSS 4010, with faculty permission.

In the case of advanced language placement, students will be required to meet with the REEES faculty advisor for Russian course substitutions and recommendations. Students who place out of Russian language courses required for the major must replace the credits with additional coursework in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies. Any substitutions to major coursework must be pre-approved by the REEES faculty advisor.

Note: Study abroad is recommended after the second year of language study.

Program Tracks

Track A: Russian Language

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Russian Language Courses		
<i>All of the following:</i>		
RUSS 2010	Second-Year Russian 1	4
RUSS 2020	Second-Year Russian 2	4
RUSS 3010	Third-Year Russian 1	4
RUSS 3020	Third-Year Russian 2	4
<i>Any two of the following:</i>		
RUSS 3060	Advanced Russian for Heritage Speakers (Part 1)	8
or RUSS 4010	Advanced Conversation and Composition 1	
RUSS 4020	Advanced Conversation and Composition 2	8
or RUSS 4060	Advanced Russian for Heritage Speakers (Part 2)	
<i>Any one of the following:</i>		
RUSS 4050	Professional Russian	3-6
REES 4220		
RUSS 4230	Russian Cultural Idioms	
RUSS 4850	Russian Film and Society	3-6
up to 6 credit hours of upper-division study-abroad Russian language class		
Culture Courses in English - the 19th Century and Earlier		3
<i>Select one of the following:</i>		
REES 2121	Topics in Russian, East European and Eurasian Culture ²	3
REES 2211	Russian Culture and Art Under Tsars Great and Terrible	
REES 2231	Fairy Tales of Russia	

REES 2241	Death and the Undead in Slavic and Nordic Cultures	
REES 2261	Madness and Gambling: Russian Short Stories of Life on the Edge ³	
REES 2471	Women in Russian Culture: From Folklore to the Nineteenth Century	
REES 3121	Topics in Russian, East European and Eurasian Culture ²	
REES 3251	Arctic Thrillers: Environment, Landscape and Literature of the Far North	
REES 3601	Russian Culture Past and Present ³	
REES 3705	Crimes of Passion: Gender and Sexual Politics in Tolstoy's Russia	
REES 4210	Topics in Russian, East European and Eurasian Culture ²	
REES 4251	Russian and Soviet Queer Culture ³	
REES 4301	American-Russian Cultural Relations ³	
REES 4431	Dostoevsky	
REES 4441	Tolstoy	
REES 4451	Chekhov	
REES 4481	Rogues to Revolutionaries: Russian Rebels, Past and Present ³	
REES 4811	Seeds of Revolt: 19th-Century Russian Literature	
REES 4861	Absurd and Supernatural in Russian Literature ³	
Culture Courses in English - the 20th and 21st Centuries		3
<i>Select one of the following:</i>		
REES 1112	Astronauts and Astropolitics: Space Exploration from the Cold War to the Future of Innovation	
REES 2121	Topics in Russian, East European and Eurasian Culture ²	
REES 2221	Introduction to Modern Russian and Soviet Culture	
REES 2222	Sports and the Cold War	
REES 2261	Madness and Gambling: Russian Short Stories of Life on the Edge ³	
REES 2271	Space, Invention, and Wonder in Fairy Tales, Literature and Film	
REES 2311	Energy Cultures: Oil, Coal, and Atoms in Modern Literature and Film	
REES 2501	Russia Beyond the Headlines: Media, Politics, Culture, and Environment	
REES 3121	Topics in Russian, East European and Eurasian Culture ²	
REES 3221	Space Race in Russian and American Culture	
REES 3231	Laughter in Slavic Cultures	
REES 3241	Red Star Trek: Russian Science Fiction Between Utopia and Dystopia	
REES 3301	Russia, Eastern Europe and Eurasia Today through Film and TV	
REES 3333	Spies Like Us: Espionage in the Culture of the Cold War and Beyond	
REES 3601	Russian Culture Past and Present ³	

REES 3701	Slavic Folk Culture: Ideals and Values in the Contemporary World	
REES 4120	Russia after Communism: Post-Soviet Politics and Culture	
REES 4210	Topics in Russian, East European and Eurasian Culture ²	
REES 4211	History of Russian and Soviet Cinema	
REES 4221	Stalinism: Culture and Society	
REES 4251	Russian and Soviet Queer Culture ³	
REES 4301	American-Russian Cultural Relations ³	
REES 4321	Mythological Russia and Ukraine	
REES 4471	Women in 20th-21st Century Russian, East European and Eurasian Cultures	
REES 4481	Rogues to Revolutionaries: Russian Rebels, Past and Present ³	
REES 4821	20th-Century Russian Literature and Art	
REES 4831	Contemporary Russian Literature	
REES 4851	Critical Thinking: Russian Film and Society	
REES 4861	Absurd and Supernatural in Russian Literature ³	
REES 4871	Understanding Ukraine: Culture, Diversity, Conflict	

Total Credit Hours **33-36**

¹ Students may not receive credit for both RUSS 3060 and RUSS 4010 or RUSS 4020 and RUSS 4060. Choose either the RUSS 3060/RUSS 4060 sequence or the RUSS 4010/RUSS 4020 sequence.

² Course counts for appropriate category depending on topic (Undergraduate Faculty Advisor determines category).

³ Course can only count for one category (student can choose).

Track B: Russian, East European and Eurasian Culture and Literature

Code	Title	Credit Hours
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Russian Language Courses

Both of the following:

RUSS 2010	Second-Year Russian 1	4
RUSS 2020	Second-Year Russian 2	4

Culture Courses in English and Optional Russian Language Courses

Choose from the following (include at least 6 hours from culture courses on the 19th century and earlier, at least 3 of which must be upper division): **24**

Culture Courses Taught in English (19th Century and Earlier):

REES 2121	Topics in Russian, East European and Eurasian Culture ²	
REES 2211	Russian Culture and Art Under Tsars Great and Terrible	
REES 2231	Fairy Tales of Russia	
REES 2241	Death and the Undead in Slavic and Nordic Cultures	
REES 2261	Madness and Gambling: Russian Short Stories of Life on the Edge ³	

REES 2471	Women in Russian Culture: From Folklore to the Nineteenth Century
REES 3121	Topics in Russian, East European and Eurasian Culture ²
REES 3251	Arctic Thrillers: Environment, Landscape and Literature of the Far North
REES 3601	Russian Culture Past and Present ³
REES 3705	Crimes of Passion: Gender and Sexual Politics in Tolstoy's Russia
REES 4210	Topics in Russian, East European and Eurasian Culture ²
REES 4251	Russian and Soviet Queer Culture ³
REES 4301	American-Russian Cultural Relations ³
REES 4431	Dostoevsky
REES 4441	Tolstoy
REES 4451	Chekhov
REES 4481	Rogues to Revolutionaries: Russian Rebels, Past and Present
REES 4811	Seeds of Revolt: 19th-Century Russian Literature
REES 4861	Absurd and Supernatural in Russian Literature ³
<i>Culture Courses in English (20th and 21st Centuries)</i>	
REES 1112	Astronauts and Astropolitics: Space Exploration from the Cold War to the Future of Innovation
REES 2221	Introduction to Modern Russian and Soviet Culture
REES 2121	Topics in Russian, East European and Eurasian Culture ²
REES 2222	Sports and the Cold War
REES 2261	Madness and Gambling: Russian Short Stories of Life on the Edge ³
REES 2271	Space, Invention, and Wonder in Fairy Tales, Literature and Film
REES 2311	Energy Cultures: Oil, Coal, and Atoms in Modern Literature and Film
REES 2501	Russia Beyond the Headlines: Media, Politics, Culture, and Environment
REES 3121	Topics in Russian, East European and Eurasian Culture ²
REES 3221	Space Race in Russian and American Culture
REES 3231	Laughter in Slavic Cultures
REES 3241	Red Star Trek: Russian Science Fiction Between Utopia and Dystopia
REES 3301	Russia, Eastern Europe and Eurasia Today through Film and TV
REES 3333	Spies Like Us: Espionage in the Culture of the Cold War and Beyond
REES 3701	Slavic Folk Culture: Ideals and Values in the Contemporary World
REES 4120	Russia after Communism: Post-Soviet Politics and Culture
REES 4211	History of Russian and Soviet Cinema
REES 4221	Stalinism: Culture and Society

REES 4301	American-Russian Cultural Relations ³
REES 4251	Russian and Soviet Queer Culture ³
REES 4321	Mythological Russia and Ukraine
REES 4471	Women in 20th-21st Century Russian, East European and Eurasian Cultures
REES 4481	Rogues to Revolutionaries: Russian Rebels, Past and Present ³
REES 4821	20th-Century Russian Literature and Art
REES 4831	Contemporary Russian Literature
REES 4851	Critical Thinking: Russian Film and Society
REES 4861	Absurd and Supernatural in Russian Literature ³
REES 4871	Understanding Ukraine: Culture, Diversity, Conflict

Any one 3000- or 4000-level course in the REES program or another department pertaining to Russia, upon consent of advisor.

Optional Russian Language Courses

RUSS 3010	Third-Year Russian 1
RUSS 3020	Third-Year Russian 2
Upper-division study-abroad language class.	

Total Credit Hours **32**

- ¹ Students may not receive credit for both RUSS 3060 and RUSS 4010 or RUSS 4020 and RUSS 4060. Choose either the RUSS 3060/RUSS 4060 sequence or the RUSS 4010/RUSS 4020 sequence.
- ² Course counts for appropriate category depending on topic (Undergraduate Faculty Advisor determines category).
- ³ Course can only count for one category (student can choose).

Track C: Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies for Heritage Speakers

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		
RUSS 3060	Advanced Russian for Heritage Speakers (Part 1) ¹	4
RUSS 4060	Advanced Russian for Heritage Speakers (Part 2) (or any other upper-division Russian language course) ¹	4
or RUSS 4010	Advanced Conversation and Composition 1	
or RUSS 4020	Advanced Conversation and Composition 2	
or RUSS 4050	Professional Russian	
or REES 4220		
or RUSS 4230	Russian Cultural Idioms	
or RUSS 4850	Russian Film and Society	

Culture Courses in English and Optional Russian Language Courses

Choose from the following (include at least 6 hours from culture courses on the 19th century and earlier, at least 3 of which must be upper division): 24

<i>Culture Courses in English (19th Century and Earlier):</i>	
REES 2121	Topics in Russian, East European and Eurasian Culture ²

REES 2211	Russian Culture and Art Under Tsars Great and Terrible	REES 3333	Spies Like Us: Espionage in the Culture of the Cold War and Beyond
REES 2231	Fairy Tales of Russia	REES 3601	Russian Culture Past and Present ³
REES 2241	Death and the Undead in Slavic and Nordic Cultures	REES 3701	Slavic Folk Culture: Ideals and Values in the Contemporary World
REES 2261	Madness and Gambling: Russian Short Stories of Life on the Edge ³	REES 4120	Russia after Communism: Post-Soviet Politics and Culture
REES 2471	Women in Russian Culture: From Folklore to the Nineteenth Century	REES 4211	History of Russian and Soviet Cinema
REES 3121	Topics in Russian, East European and Eurasian Culture ²	REES 4221	Stalinism: Culture and Society
REES 3251	Arctic Thrillers: Environment, Landscape and Literature of the Far North	REES 4301	American-Russian Cultural Relations ³
REES 3601	Russian Culture Past and Present ³	REES 4321	Mythological Russia and Ukraine
REES 3705	Crimes of Passion: Gender and Sexual Politics in Tolstoy's Russia	REES 4251	Russian and Soviet Queer Culture ³
REES 4210	Topics in Russian, East European and Eurasian Culture ²	REES 4471	Women in 20th-21st Century Russian, East European and Eurasian Cultures
REES 4251	Russian and Soviet Queer Culture ³	REES 4481	Rogues to Revolutionaries: Russian Rebels, Past and Present ³
REES 4301	American-Russian Cultural Relations ³	REES 4821	20th-Century Russian Literature and Art
REES 4431	Dostoevsky	REES 4831	Contemporary Russian Literature
REES 4441	Tolstoy	REES 4851	Critical Thinking: Russian Film and Society
REES 4451	Chekhov	REES 4861	Absurd and Supernatural in Russian Literature ³
REES 4481	Rogues to Revolutionaries: Russian Rebels, Past and Present ³	REES 4871	Understanding Ukraine: Culture, Diversity, Conflict
REES 4811	Seeds of Revolt: 19th-Century Russian Literature	Any one 3000- or 4000-level course in the REEES program or another department pertaining to Russia, upon consent of advisor.	
REES 4861	Absurd and Supernatural in Russian Literature ³	Optional Russian Language and Culture Courses	
Culture Courses Taught in English (20th and 21st Centuries)		RUSS 4050	Professional Russian
REES 1112	Astronauts and Astropolitics: Space Exploration from the Cold War to the Future of Innovation	REES 4220	
REES 2221	Introduction to Modern Russian and Soviet Culture	RUSS 4230	Russian Cultural Idioms
REES 2121	Topics in Russian, East European and Eurasian Culture ²	RUSS 4850	Russian Film and Society
REES 2222	Sports and the Cold War	<hr/>	
REES 2261	Madness and Gambling: Russian Short Stories of Life on the Edge ³	Total Credit Hours	
REES 2271	Space, Invention, and Wonder in Fairy Tales, Literature and Film	32	
REES 2311	Energy Cultures: Oil, Coal, and Atoms in Modern Literature and Film	¹ Students may not receive credit for both RUSS 3060 and RUSS 4010 or RUSS 4020 and RUSS 4060. Choose either the RUSS 3060/RUSS 4060 sequence or the RUSS 4010/RUSS 4020 sequence.	
REES 2501	Russia Beyond the Headlines: Media, Politics, Culture, and Environment	² Course counts for appropriate category depending on topic (Undergraduate Faculty Advisor determines category).	
REES 3121	Topics in Russian, East European and Eurasian Culture ²	³ Course can only count for one category (student can choose).	
REES 3221	Space Race in Russian and American Culture	Graduating in Four Years	
REES 3231	Laughter in Slavic Cultures	Consult the Four-Year Guarantee Requirements (https://www.colorado.edu/advising/programs-requirements/germanic-slavic-languages-literatures/) for information on eligibility. The concept of "adequate progress" as it is used here only refers to maintaining eligibility for the four-year guarantee; it is not a requirement for the major.	
REES 3241	Red Star Trek: Russian Science Fiction Between Utopia and Dystopia	Recommended four-year plans of study appear on the Plans of Study tab. To maintain adequate progress in Germanic or Russian, East European and Eurasian studies, students should meet the following requirements:	
REES 3301	Russia, Eastern Europe and Eurasia Today through Film and TV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin to study the language in the freshman year, or have received AP credit. 	

- In consultation with the major program advisor before the end of the drop/add period in the first semester, plan a tentative schedule of courses to be taken over eight semesters.
- Discuss progress toward the degree each semester with the major advisor.

Note: Although these requirements apply only in cases in which students are seeking to graduate under the terms of the four-year guarantee, they are good advice for all majors. Consult the program advisor about the major at any time.

Recommended Four-Year Plans of Study

Through the required coursework for all tracks of the major, students can complete all 12 credit hours of the Arts & Humanities area of the Gen Ed Distribution Requirement. Depending on the courses selected from options, students can potentially complete some credit hours in the Social Sciences area of the Gen Ed Distribution Requirement and the Global Perspective component of the Gen Ed Diversity Requirement.

Track A: Russian Language

Year One		Credit Hours
RUSS 1010 and 1020 (which do not count toward the major)		8
RUSS course on 19th century or earlier periods		3
Gen. Ed. Skills course (example: QRMS)		3
Gen. Ed. Distribution/Diversity course (example: Social Sciences/Global Perspective) (if needed)		3
Gen. Ed. Skills course (example: Lower-division Written Communication)		3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Natural Sciences with lab)		4
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Credit Hours		33
Year Two		Credit Hours
RUSS 2010 & RUSS 2020	Second-Year Russian 1 and Second-Year Russian 2 (or Study Abroad)	8
RUSS course on 20th-21st centuries		3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Natural Sciences)		3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Social Sciences)		3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Natural Sciences)		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Credit Hours		29
Year Three		Credit Hours
RUSS 3010 & RUSS 3020	Third-Year Russian 1 and Third-Year Russian 2 (or Study Abroad)	8
Gen. Ed. Skills course (example: Upper-division Written Communication)		3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Natural Sciences)		3
Gen. Ed. Distribution/Diversity course (example: Social Sciences/US Perspective)		3

Upper-division Elective		3
Elective or Upper-division Elective (if needed)		3
Elective or Upper-division Elective (if needed)		3
Elective		3
Credit Hours		29
Year Four		Credit Hours
RUSS 4010 & RUSS 4020	Advanced Conversation and Composition 1 ((or Study Abroad))	8
or RUSS 3060 and RUSS 4060	or Advanced Russian for Heritage Speakers (Part 1) and Advanced Russian for Heritage Speakers (Part 2)	
RUSS 4210	or Russian Cultural Idioms	3
or RUSS 4230	or	
or RUSS 4851	or Professional Russian	
or RUSS 4050		
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Social Sciences)		3
Upper-division Elective		3
Upper-division Elective		3
Upper-division Elective		3
Upper-division Elective		3
Upper-division Elective		3
Credit Hours		29
Total Credit Hours		120

Track B: Russian, East European and Eurasian Culture and Literature

Year One		Credit Hours
RUSS 1010 and RUSS 1020 (which do not count toward the major)		8
RUSS 2000-level Aspects of Russian/Soviet/Post-Soviet Culture course		3
Gen. Ed. Skills course (example: QRMS)		4
Gen. Ed. Distribution/Diversity course (example: Social Sciences/Global Perspective) (if needed)		3
Gen. Ed. Skills course (example: Lower-division Written Communication)		3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Natural Sciences)		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Credit Hours		30
Year Two		Credit Hours
RUSS 2010 & RUSS 2020	Second-Year Russian 1 and Second-Year Russian 2 (or Study Abroad)	8
RUSS 2000-level Russian literature or film course		3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Natural Sciences)		3
Gen. Ed. Distribution/Diversity course (example: Social Sciences/US Perspective)		3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Natural Sciences with Lab)		4
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Credit Hours		30

Year Three		
RUSS 4811		3
RUSS 4821		3
RUSS Upper-division Aspects of Russian/Soviet/Post-Soviet Culture course		3
Gen. Ed. Skills course (example: Upper-division Written Communication)		3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Natural Sciences)		3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Social Sciences) (if needed)		3
Upper-division Elective		3
Upper-division Elective		3
Upper-division Elective		3
Elective		3
Credit Hours		30
Year Four		
Two 3000-4000 level RUSS literature or film courses		6
Elective 3000-4000 level RUSS or GSLL culture, literature or language course		3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Social Sciences) (if needed)		3
Upper-division Elective		3
Upper-division Elective		3
Upper-division Elective		3
Upper-division Elective		3
Upper-division Elective		3
Elective		3
Credit Hours		30
Total Credit Hours		120

Track C: Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies Major for Heritage Speakers

Year One		Credit Hours
RUSS 3060 & RUSS 4060	Advanced Russian for Heritage Speakers (Part 1) and Advanced Russian for Heritage Speakers (Part 2)	8
One of the RUSS courses on 19th century or earlier periods OR Study Abroad		3
Gen. Ed. Skills course (example: QRMS)		3
Gen. Ed. Distribution/Diversity course (example: Social Sciences/US Perspective)		3
Gen. Ed. Skills course (example: Lower-division Written Communication)		3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Natural Sciences with Lab)		4
Elective		3
Elective		3
Credit Hours		30
Year Two		
One of the RUSS courses on 20th-21st centuries		3
One of the 2000-level RUSS culture courses		3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Natural Sciences)		3

Gen. Ed. Distribution/Diversity course (example: Social Sciences/Global Perspective) (if needed)	3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Natural Sciences)	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Credit Hours	30

Year Three	
One 4000 level RUSS literature course	3
Two 3000-4000 level RUSS culture courses	6
Gen. Ed. Skills course (example: Upper-division Written Communication)	3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Natural Sciences)	3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Social Sciences) (if needed)	3
Upper-division Elective	3
Upper-division Elective	3
Elective or Upper-division Elective (if needed)	3
Elective	3
Credit Hours	30

Year Four	
One 3000-4000 level RUSS culture course	3
One elective 3000-4000 level RUSS or GSLL culture, literature or language course	3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Social Sciences) (if needed)	3
Gen. Ed. Distribution course (example: Natural Sciences)	3
Upper-division Elective	3
Upper-division Elective	3
Upper-division Elective	3
Upper-division Elective	3
Upper-division Elective	3
Elective or Upper-division Elective (if needed)	3
Elective or Upper-division Elective (if needed)	3
Credit Hours	30
Total Credit Hours	120

Learning Outcomes

The following objectives are central to the undergraduate degree in Russian, East European and Eurasian studies:

- To understand, articulate and critically reflect on key concepts, events and movements as they relate to the study of Russian, East European and Eurasian literature, history and culture.
- To cultivate historical understanding and intercultural competency.
- To recognize, describe, and engage critically and comparatively with diverse perspectives and positionalities within Russophone societies.
- To conduct research and engage in critical analysis of the area of study.
- To develop proficiency in Russian language skills, written or spoken, to enable culturally appropriate communication, self-expression and creativity.

Bachelor's–Accelerated Master's Degree Program(s)

The bachelor's–accelerated master's (BAM) degree program options offer currently enrolled CU Boulder undergraduate students the opportunity to receive a bachelor's and master's degree in a shorter period of time. Students receive the bachelor's degree first but begin taking graduate coursework as undergraduates (typically in their senior year).

Because some courses are allowed to double count for both the bachelor's and the master's degrees, students receive a master's degree in less time and at a lower cost than if they were to enroll in a stand-alone master's degree program after completion of their baccalaureate degree. In addition, staying at CU Boulder to pursue a bachelor's–accelerated master's program enables students to continue working with their established faculty mentors.

BA and MA in Russian Studies

Highly motivated undergraduates majoring in Russian studies at CU Boulder have the opportunity to enter a BAM program, thereby earning both the BA and the MA in five years. The accelerated degree program offers a unique academic credential designed to produce skilled graduates for a variety of occupations.

Admissions Requirements

In order to gain admission to the BAM program named above, a student must meet the following criteria:

- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and a minimum GPA of 3.25 for all Russian Studies courses.
- Have completed a minimum of 75 credit hours of coursework.
- If a transfer student, have completed a minimum of 24 credit hours at CU Boulder.

It is recommended that applications be submitted the spring semester of the third year of study, but late applications will also be considered. Two letters of recommendation indicating strong potential for advanced, intensive work in Russian also required. Students should have completed most of their MAPS/Gen Ed requirements by the end of the sophomore year. Only CU Boulder students may apply.

Program Requirements

Students may take up to and including 12 hours while in the undergraduate program, which can later be used toward the master's degree. However, only 6 credits may be double counted toward the bachelor's degree and the master's degree. Students must apply to graduate with the bachelor's degree, and apply to continue with the master's degree, early in the semester in which the undergraduate requirements will be completed.

BAM students are expected to take graduate courses in the fourth and fifth years only.

If you are interested in the BAM degree program, please contact the Russian MA program (<https://www.colorado.edu/gsl/graduate/>). For more information, visit the BA/MA degree in Russian studies webpage (<https://www.colorado.edu/gsl/russian/undergraduate/concurrent-bama-degree-russian-studies/>).