RUSSIAN STUDIES - MASTER OF ARTS (MA)

The department offers an interdisciplinary professional MA in Russian studies focusing on Russian language proficiency, Russian culture and interrelations between Russian history, politics and culture in the 19th through the 21st centuries. The faculty's interdisciplinary strengths include literature, cinema, folklore, literary/cultural theory, cultural studies, gender studies, sociolinguistics, pedagogy, Jewish Studies, minority studies and nationalism.

The faculty works closely with students to design their own course of study. Some Russian MA students receive a teaching assistantship and tuition waiver.

For contact information and more general information on the MA in Russian studies, visit the Russian Program (http://www.colorado.edu/gsll/russian-program) website or email gsll@colorado.edu.

Requirements

Course Requirements

Russian MA students may take up to 12 credit hours in an outside area. Students frequently choose business, political science, geography, education, history, linguistics, film studies, Jewish studies, religious studies, fine arts, and theater and dance, but students may pursue other options. All outside area courses must be approved by the associate chair of graduate studies.

Upon approval of the Associate Chair of Graduate Studies, students may take up to six credit hours of 3000- or 4000-level courses toward their MA degree.

Students interested in independent study should obtain an informational sheet and an Independent Study Contract from the department. Once the contract is approved by the chair, a staff member will enroll the student in the course. MA students may not take more than a total of 7 hours of independent study.

Transfer credit from accredited institutions is accepted by CU Boulder only after approval by the associate chair of graduate studies and the Graduate School. Transfer credit is defined as any credit earned at another accredited institution, credits earned on another campus of the CU system, or credits earned as a nondegree student within the CU system. MA students are allowed a maximum of 9 hours of transfer credit.

Degree Plans

Plan I: Thesis Option

Students must complete at least 30 credit hours, including 24 hours of coursework and 6 thesis hours. Students must submit a thesis and pass a one-hour oral defense.

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² These courses are strongly recommended. All students must pass the Russian language proficiency exam, consisting of written and oral components, during their final semester.

Plan II: Non-Thesis Option

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**Electives**
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