RUSSIAN, BA

In recent years, Russia has become an even larger global influence on politics, the economy, security, and international trade. Understanding the language and culture of Russia has become increasingly important, and the value of knowledge and skills in this area is anticipated to continue to grow.

Only about 15% of the colleges and universities in the U.S. are able to offer a Russian major, and UWM is among this small group. This Slavic language is growing in importance and in value as the political and economic dynamics of Russia and the region are evolving. Russian is one of the five official languages of the United Nations and has more than 200 million speakers around the world. The U.S. State Department has deemed Russian to be a “critical language” and has many programs to encourage students to join this needed area of study.

At UWM, language students receive an education in not just language fluency but also in the culture surrounding that language. Context matters in communication, and we believe it is important for students to understand the history, literature, and customs of native speakers of Russian in order to successfully apply their fluency.

Students are also encouraged to participate in UWM’s study abroad (https://uwm.edu/cie/study-abroad/) program with destinations including Saratov, Moscow, St. Petersburg, and Vladimir. Some students choose just a short immersion while others go abroad for a semester or even a full year. Because of the complexities of planning a study abroad experience, students are encouraged to start planning early in sophomore year. Most students engage in study abroad during the second half of sophomore year or during their junior year.

Requirements

Course of Study – Bachelor of Arts Degree

Complete 120 credits including 90 credits in the College of Letters & Science and with 36 of the 90 credits in L&S upper-level (numbered above 300) courses. The College requires that students must complete in residence at UWM at least 15 credits in upper-division (numbered 300 or above) courses in their major. Students are also required to complete University-wide General Education Requirements and the specific L&S requirements listed below.

To complete a major, students must satisfy all the requirements of the major as stated in this catalog. Students who declare their majors within five years of entering the UW System as a degree candidate may satisfy the requirements outlined in any catalog issued since the time they entered. Credits used to satisfy the major also may be used to satisfy other degree requirements.

University General Education Requirements (GER)

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<td>College Writing and Research (or equivalent)</td>
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Quantitative Literacy

Part A

Earn at least 3 credits with a grade of C or higher in one of the following courses or an equivalent course, or achieve a placement code of at least 30 on the mathematics placement test (or other appropriate test, as determined by the Mathematical Sciences Department)

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Part B

Course designated as QL-B; may be completed through a major-specific course requirement

Arts

Select 3 credits

Humanities

Select 6 credits

Social Sciences

Select 6 credits

Natural Sciences

Select 6 credits (at least two courses including one lab)

UWM Foreign Language Requirement

Complete Foreign Language Requirement through:

- Two years (high school) of a single foreign language
- Two semesters (college) of a single foreign language
- Or equivalent

UWM Cultural Diversity Requirement

One course from the Arts, Humanities, or Social Sciences must also satisfy UWM’s Cultural Diversity requirement

1 Math 111 and Philosophy 111 are jointly offered and count as repeats of one another. Students cannot receive credit for both courses.

College of Letters & Science Requirements

I. English Composition Requirement

Students must satisfy the English Composition Requirement with one of the following options:

1) Completing ENGLISH 102 with a grade of C or higher; or

2) by placing beyond ENGLISH 102 on the English Placement Test (EPT) (or other assessment as determined by the English Department); or

3) transferring a course of at least 2.5 equivalent credits from another institution that is equivalent to English 102, or a UWM higher-level expository writing course, with a grade of C or higher.

Note: This requirement is the same as the University General Education Requirement for Oral and Written Communication Part A. The College
II. Mathematics and Formal Reasoning

To satisfy the Mathematics and Formal Reasoning Requirement, students must satisfy the following two requirements:

1. Achieve a placement code of at least 30 on the mathematics placement test (or other appropriate test, as determined by the Mathematical Sciences Department) or earn at least 3 credits with a grade of C or higher in one of the following courses or an equivalent course:

   - MATH 102: Mathematical Literacy for College Students II
   - MATH 103: Contemporary Applications of Mathematics
   - MATH 105: Introduction to College Algebra
   - MATH 108: Algebraic Literacy II
   - MATH 111: Introduction to Logic - Critical Reasoning
   - MATH 116: College Algebra
   - MATH 175: Mathematical Explorations for Elementary Teachers I

   Note: Math 111 and Philosophy 111 are jointly offered and count as repeats of one another. Students cannot receive credit for both courses.

   Code  Title  Credits
   MATH 102  Mathematical Literacy for College Students II  3
   MATH 103  Contemporary Applications of Mathematics  3
   MATH 105  Introduction to College Algebra  3
   MATH 108  Algebraic Literacy II  3
   MATH 111  Introduction to Logic - Critical Reasoning  3
   or PHILOS 111  Introduction to Logic - Critical Reasoning  3
   MATH 116  College Algebra  3
   MATH 175  Mathematical Explorations for Elementary Teachers I  3

2. Complete one course (at least 3 credits) at the 200 level or above chosen from courses in Mathematics, PHILOS 211, or Letters and Science statistics courses:

   Complete one of the following:

   - 3 or more credits in any 200-level or above Math course
   - AFRIC 220: Introduction to Statistics in African and African Diaspora Studies
   - ANTHRO 568: Introduction to Anthropological Statistics
   - ATM SCI 500: Statistical Methods in Atmospheric Sciences
   - BIO SCI 465: Biostatistics
   - ECON 210: Economic Statistics
   - GEOG 247: Quantitative Analysis in Geography
   - HIST 595: The Quantitative Analysis of Historical Data
   - MTHSTAT 215: Elementary Statistical Analysis
   - PHILOS 211: Elementary Logic
   - POL SCI 390: Political Data Analysis
   - POL SCI 392: Survey Research
   - PSYCH 210: Psychological Statistics
   - SOCIOL 261: Introduction to Statistical Thinking in Sociology

   Note: This requirement is NOT the same as the University General Education Requirement for Quantitative Literacy Part B. To complete the BA, students must take one of the L&S approved courses. Not all of the courses listed here will satisfy the QL-B requirement.

   Code  Title  Credits
   MATH 102  Mathematical Literacy for College Students II  3
   MATH 103  Contemporary Applications of Mathematics  3
   MATH 105  Introduction to College Algebra  3
   MATH 108  Algebraic Literacy II  3
   MATH 111  Introduction to Logic - Critical Reasoning  3
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   MATH 116  College Algebra  3
   MATH 175  Mathematical Explorations for Elementary Teachers I  3

   1. Math 111 and Philosophy 111 are jointly offered and count as repeats of one another. Students cannot receive credit for both courses.

   Complete 12 credits of L&S courses with Social Science Breadth designation; no more than 6 credits from a single subject area.

V. Breadth Requirement

Along with completing the University General Education Requirements of 3 credits in the Arts (A); 6 credits in the Humanities (HU), Social Sciences (SS), and Natural Sciences (NS/NS+); and a course with the Cultural Diversity (CD/+) designation, L&S students must complete the Breadth requirement.

   Code  Title  Credits
   Arts
   Select 3 credits  3
   Humanities
   Complete 12 credits of L&S courses with Humanities Breadth designation; no more than 6 credits from a single subject area. *  12
   Social Sciences
   Complete 12 credits of L&S Courses with Social Science Breadth designation; no more than 6 credits from a single curricular area. *  12
   Natural Sciences

   * Diversity (CD/+) designation; no more than 6 credits from a single curricular area.
Complete 12 credits of L&S Courses with Natural Sciences Breadth designation, including at least one laboratory or field course; no more than 6 credits from a single curricular area. **

Cultural Diversity

Complete 3 credits in a course with Cultural Diversity (CD) designation. **

* Students should check their course selections carefully with the list of approved L&S Breadth Courses (http://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/breadth-requirement-course-list/). Students are advised to select at least 6 credits worth of courses in each of the Humanities, Social Science, and Natural Sciences areas that can satisfy both the campus-wide General Education Requirements and the L&S Breadth requirement.

** Students are advised to select a course that satisfies the Cultural Diversity requirement as well as a Humanities or Social Science breadth/GER requirement.

VI. The Major

The College of Letters and Science requires that students attain at least a 2.0 GPA in all credits in the major attempted at UWM. In addition, students must attain a 2.0 GPA on all major credits attempted, including any transfer work. Individual departments or programs may require higher GPAs for graduation. Some departmental majors require courses from other departments. Contact your major department for information on whether those credits will count as part of the major GPA. The College requires that students must complete in residence at UWM at least 15 credits in upper-division (numbered 300 or above) courses in their major.

Research Requirement

Within their majors, students must complete a research experience approved by the L&S faculty. A list of courses satisfying the research requirement in each major can be found here (http://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/approved-courses-research-requirement/).

VII. The Minor

The College of Letters and Science requires that students attain at least a 2.0 GPA in all credits in the minor attempted at UWM. In addition, students must attain a 2.0 GPA on all minor credits attempted, including any transfer work.

Major Requirements

 Majors must complete at least 15 credits in advanced-level courses (300 and above) in residence at UWM; at least 9 of these credits must be in the Russian curricular area. Students must attain at least a 2.0 GPA on all credits in the major attempted at UWM. In addition, the College of Letters and Science requires that students attain a 2.0 GPA on all major credits attempted, including any transfer work. Major courses taken outside the Russian curricular area count in the major GPAs.

Students are strongly encouraged to pursue study abroad in Russia and may apply transfer credits from an approved study abroad program toward their degree requirements. Students interested in doing extensive study abroad should contact the program coordinator to discuss the college’s residency requirement.

The Russian major requires completion of four semesters of college-level Russian (through RUSSIAN 202) or equivalent preparation. Credits earned at UWM in satisfying this requirement count in the major GPA. In addition, individuals must complete 18 credits as follows:

### Code | Title | Credits
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RUSSIAN 310 | Advanced Russian Reading and Conversation: | 3
RUSSIAN 311 | Contemporary Russian Language: | 3
Select 12 additional credits in Russian | 12

Electives

Select 12 additional credits 1

Research Requirement

RUSSIAN 391 | Russian Literature and Culture in Translation: | 3
or RUSSIAN 699 | Supervised Individual Reading | 3

Total Credits | 33

1 Selected from Russian and/or cross-listed and related courses (see the two lists below). A maximum of 3 credits from the list of related courses can count toward this requirement.

2 As part of their required credits, all students must complete a research experience as required by the College. Students will satisfy this requirement in the context of RUSSIAN 391 or RUSSIAN 699.

Cross-listed Courses

The following courses are approved to satisfy the requirements of the Russian major and minor. Please contact the program coordinator for the most up-to-date list of approved courses or to request approval for Russian-related courses not on this list.

### Code | Title | Credits
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ENGLISH 316 | World Cinema: (Russian Cinema) | 3
ETHNIC 250 | Selected Topics in Ethnic Studies: (Gender and Ethnicity in and After the USSR) | 3
HIST 341 | Imperial Russia | 3
HIST 343 | Russia Since 1917 | 3
INTLST 550 | Senior Seminar in International Studies: (Russia in Transition: Media and Values) | 3
POL SCI 310 | Russian and Post-Soviet Politics | 3

Related Courses 1

The following courses are approved to satisfy the requirements of the Russian major. Please contact the program coordinator for the most up-to-date list of approved courses or to request approval for Russian-related courses not on this list. Majors may count a maximum of three credits from the following list toward the major requirements:

### Code | Title | Credits
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HIST 249 | The Second World War in Europe | 3
HIST 375 | Contemporary European History, 1945 to the Present | 3
POL SCI 302 | Politics of Eastern Europe | 3

1 Students may enroll in and complete all advanced-level courses with the subject code LINGUIS and all courses under the subject code POLISH.
Letters & Science Advising

The College of Letters and Science provides general academic advising for all students with a major in the College, particularly as it relates to campus' general education requirements and the College's degree requirements. We also provide specialized advising for pre-professional students (pre-med, pre-dental, pre-pharmacy, etc.) regardless if their major is in Letters and Science or not. Prospective students, including high school students and students seeking to transfer to a program in Letters and Science may also receive advising from our admissions counselors.

Upon admission, students are assigned an advisor in the College advising office. Academic advising is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by appointment. Appointments outside of these times may be available and phone appointments are available for online students. The advising office (https://uwm.edu/letters-science/advising/contact-advising/) is located on the first floor of Holton Hall. Current students should call (414) 229-4654 to schedule an appointment or use the Navigate website (https://uwmilwaukee.campus.eab.com) to make an appointment with your assigned advisor; online scheduling is only available if you already have a Letters & Science advisor assigned to you. Prospective students should call (414) 229-7711 or email let-sci@uwm.edu.

When students declare a major, they will receive an additional faculty advisor located within the major department who will assist with requirements for that major. Students should read the "Declaration of Major" information on the website of the major that they are interested in. In some cases, the student will need to choose a faculty advisor as part of the declaration process.

All students are cautioned to consult their Letters & Science academic advisor AND their major advisor prior to each registration period to ensure they understand all requirements. Do not rely on pre-printed sample plans, as they are intended to be samples only and may not be right for your particular situation.

Honors in the College of Letters and Science

Dean's Honor List
GPA of 3.750 or above, earned on a full-time student's GPA on 12 or more graded credits in a given semester.

Honors College Degree and Honors College Degree with Distinction
Granted to graduating seniors who complete Honors College requirements, as listed in the Honors College (http://catalog.uwm.edu/honors-college/) section of this site.

Commencement Honors
Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.500 or above, based on a minimum of 40 graded UWM credits earned prior to the final semester, will receive all-university commencement honors and be awarded the traditional gold cord at the December or May Honors Convocation. Please note that for honors calculation, the GPA is not rounded and is truncated at the third decimal (e.g., 3.499).

Final Honors
Earned on a minimum of 60 graded UWM credits: Cum Laude - 3.500 or above; Magna Cum Laude - 3.650 or above; Summa Cum Laude - 3.800 or above.

Contact Information
Current Students contact Associate Professor Joseph Peschio, peschio@uwm.edu
Prospective Students contact a Letters & Science Admissions Counselor at (414) 229-7711 or let-sci@uwm.edu

http://uwm.edu/foreign-languages-literature/undergraduate/russian/