

ABOUT THE MAJOR

Russian at the University of Utah is a dynamic program with dedicated faculty committed to helping you craft a meaningful and effective learning experience. We will help you develop the skills to speak, read, write, and understand Russian in ordinary living situations as well as in professional and business matters. The coursework we offer will provide you with an understanding of important periods, figures, and trends in Russian cultural history and foster a deep and lasting appreciation of the rich Russian culture of literature, art, film and ballet.

Russian is the eighth most spoken language in the world and the second most used language on the internet; having proficiency in Russian will make you attractive to employers in a wide variety of fields. Russian pairs well with a variety of other majors (e.g., business, politics, or history) preparing you for a rewarding professional future. We are committed to supporting your chosen course of study, providing rich extracurricular activities, and facilitating learning abroad should you decide to pursue that option.




LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Speak, read, write, and understand the Russian language in ordinary living situations as well as professional and business matters.
- Aim to reach at least Intermediate-Mid to Advanced-Mid level on the ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) proficiency scale in speaking, reading, writing and listening.
- Identify and demonstrate an understanding of the main periods, figures, and trends in Russian cultural history, especially in literature.
- Understand one or more aspects of the linguistic structure of Russian and be familiar with some current research on second language acquisition relevant to this domain.
- Produce academic essays characterized by critical thinking, coherent development, and thoughtful analysis in both English and Russian.

PLAN & PREPARE

At the U, we plan for our students to have an Exceptional Educational Experience identified by four broad categories we call the Learning Framework: Community, Knowledge & Skills, Transformation, and Impact. This major map will help you envision, explore, design, and plan your personalized Exceptional Educational Experience with the Learning Framework at the core. In addition to assisting you in planning your coursework and navigating the requirements of your major, this map will help you incorporate other kinds of experiences to expand your knowledge, support your development, and prepare you for the future you want.

GET STARTED TODAY

-  Schedule an appointment with an advisor: advising.utah.edu
-  Visit ugs.utah.edu
-  Learn more about the Learning Framework: ugs.utah.edu/learning-framework



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RUSS

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Community



Knowledge & Skills



Transformation



Impact

"I had such an amazing experience with Russian at the U. I was impressed with the high-quality language, culture, and literature instruction. I studied abroad twice and volunteered for the Sochi Winter Olympic Games. The scholarships and opportunities helped me with my business degree and in my career."

*>> Sarah Parker
Project Manager, Pacifica Contractors*

GETTING STARTED	MAKING PROGRESS	FINISHING UP
<div>COURSES</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Start taking Russian classes in your first semester- Follow the WLC¹ Department on social media to stay updated on announcements and resources - Insta/Twitter: @UofULanguages	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Complete WLC 2010 or 2020 for an introduction to the Russian major- Meet with an Academic Advisor to plan ahead for your WLC Practicum Signature Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Take elective Russian courses taught in English to speed up your degree- Combine your Russian language major with a related area of study such as political science, history, linguistics, international studies, engineering, or computer science
<div>COMMUNITY</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Look out for opportunities on the Russian Activities and Events Calendar and participate in what catches your interest!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Become a leader of the USSR Club- Help fellow students plan their language degrees by becoming a Peer Advisor- Live in a Theme Community: the Go Global Floor or the O.C. Tanner Humanities House	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Join the Bennion Center Scholars Program or complete a Saturday Service Project related to Russian- Take courses with a small student cohort and build positive peer relationships by becoming a LEAP Scholar
<div>KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- After declaring your Russian major, explore other departments to focus your long-term goals- Sign up for free or affordable one-on-one tutoring at the Learning Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Complete a local, national, or global language internship in Russian through the Hinckley Institute to discover language career opportunities and widen your network; internship organizations include Global Pathways (UT), the U.S. Department of State, the International Center for Policy Studies (Ukraine), and more	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Participate in undergrad research with a professor and receive funding from UROP²
<div>TRANSFORMATION</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Join the Bennion Center First Year Service Corps for Russian-related volunteer opportunities- Apply for Russian scholarships with the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Check out Russian Learning Abroad Programs for the experience of a lifetime- Go to the city of your choice for intensive language and content classes taught in Russian and get the credit transferred back to the U	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Stay for a few weeks or a whole year- Apply for the FLAS⁴ Scholarship; more scholarships available from the Learning Abroad Office
<div>IMPACT</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Attend a Hinckley Forum to learn about local and global issues- Find events on the University Events Calendar related to your interests- Attend a MUSE⁵ Casual Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Register for a service-focused Alternative Break through the Bennion Center- Become a Bennion Center Student Leader to promote volunteer opportunities in Russian	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Explore Lasonde Entrepreneur Institute programs to start a business venture and use your Russian skills to expand it- Tutor beginner students in Russian through the Learning Center
<div>CAREER</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Activate and customize your Handshake account to explore jobs, internships, and career events- Take a Career Course (HUM 3960, CSBS 2700, UGS 1950) to explore career options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Make an appointment with a Career Coach to help you explore potential careers that align with your strengths, values, interests, and personality- Attend our Career Fairs and Expos (check out employers beforehand in Handshake!)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Meet with the College of Humanities Internship Coordinator to make yourself professionally competitive for potential employers with an internship

WHERE CAN I GO AFTER GRADUATION?

- CIA, FBI, NSA
- Diplomacy & Foreign Relations
- Higher Education
- Higher Management
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Interpretation & Translation
- Legal Services
- Local or Global Non-Profit Organizations
- Marketing & Advertising
- Medical & Health Care
- Museum Curation
- Teaching & Curriculum Development
- Video Game Consulting

¹World Languages and Cultures ²Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program ³American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages ⁴Foreign Language & Area Studies ⁵My Signature U Experience