

Russian (RUSS)

The objectives of the Russian program are to provide students the opportunity:

1. To learn the basics of Russian language for reading and for communicating in everyday situations
2. To acquire an elementary knowledge of the culture of the people using this study of the language – at home or abroad – for purposes of business, government work, teaching, literacy or linguistic studies
3. To provide the foundation for earning a major or minor in the language

Four courses are currently offered (which fulfill the language requirement for the Russian, Central and East European area studies major). Classes meet three periods a week, with a flexible fourth period devoted specifically to oral proficiency taught usually by a native Russian speaker. Students with previous high school study of Russian will be tested for appropriate placement. Students wishing to major or minor in Russian may do so by special arrangement with Macalester College and approval of the St. Thomas ACTC Russian, Central and East European area studies representative.

Major in Russian

Completion of 212 or equivalent

Plus:

Thirty-two additional credits in Russian and related courses, plus a study abroad program in Russia jointly approved by Macalester College and the University of St. Thomas

Minor in Russian

Completion of 212 or equivalent

Plus:

Two advanced Russian language or literature courses

111 Elementary Russian I

Introduction to the Russian sound system and grammar encompassing reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. Some exposure to Russian culture. Offered in fall semester.

112 Elementary Russian II

Continuation of 111 with further development of same skills. Offered in spring semester.

Prerequisite: 111 or permission of instructor

211 Intermediate Russian I

Continuation of 112 expanding on the fundamentals, with more emphasis on listening and speaking skills needed in everyday situations in the culture, more reading of authentic short texts of various types. Offered in fall semester.

Prerequisite: 112 or permission of instructor

212 Intermediate Russian II

Further development of skills begun in 211 plus learning to translate and use more advanced grammatical forms (complex verbs of motion, participles, etc.) in written and oral presentations. Upon successful completion of this course, the student should be prepared to study in Russia. Offered spring semester.

Prerequisite: 211 or permission of instructor

Spanish (SPAN)

The basic aim of the department is to give students a command of Spanish and a knowledge of Hispanic culture in order to fulfill professional and personal endeavors. This aim is pursued with a view to the needs of students who desire to do graduate work, enter international business, teach, travel or read great literature in the original.

Students majoring in Spanish must take a minimum of twelve credits in Spanish at the 300-level or above at St. Thomas.

Students minoring in Spanish must take a minimum of eight credits in Spanish at the 300-level or above at St. Thomas.

Major in Spanish

In consultation with their major field adviser, students must complete twenty-eight credits in courses numbered 300 and above with a minimum of six credits in each of the following areas:

Oral and Written Spanish – 300 (required); 301, 305, 310, 315, 320, 330, 396, 440

Culture/Civilization – 331, 332, 397

Literature – 335, 340, 341, 380, 381, 385, 390, 398, 405, 410

Students in teacher licensure programs should include a course in linguistics.