

College of Arts and Sciences – Interdisciplinary Programs

Plus:

IDSC 330 Renaissance Program Internship (0 credit)

IDSC 333 Renaissance Program Studies

Note: Another course that integrates themes involving the relation between the liberal arts and the world of work may be acceptable provided the necessary prerequisites have been met, and on the approval of the director of the Renaissance Program.

Russian, Central and East European Studies

Shambour (RUSS), adviser

The ACTC program in Russian, Central and East European Studies seeks to give the broadest possible exposure to the history, politics, literature and philosophy of central and eastern Europe and Russia. This interdisciplinary major offers the student an opportunity to become well-acquainted at the undergraduate level with the rich literary and cultural achievements of the area. The student also acquires fluency and experience with the Russian language, or (through the ACTC language contract with the University of Minnesota) with one of the eastern European languages.

While the collapse of the Soviet Union and its eastern European sphere of influence has eliminated the perceived threat of a world communist movement, the human talent, residual military power and resources of the area guarantee that it will continue to play an important role in global affairs.

Drawing upon the faculty and resources of the five ACTC institutions, courses are offered at Augsburg College, Hamline University, Macalester College, The College of St. Catherine and the University of St. Thomas.

In choosing any major, future career options are an important consideration. This is a sound liberal arts major that offers considerable flexibility and career opportunities, especially when combined with another major or minor in business, economics, history, language and literature, or political science. As this area of the world undergoes transition from Russian socialist dominance to democratic market-oriented societies, the major will offer fascinating career opportunities in government, international business and journalism, as well as in teaching and research. Students who plan to do graduate work in a related discipline, such as history, economics or political science will find the major a strong background for such study. Students are urged to seek career counseling from their adviser in the major.

Major in Russian, Central and East European Studies

Forty-four credits, including language and area studies courses:

Language:

Two years of basic college Russian, Polish, Serbo-Croatian, Czech, Hungarian or equivalent competencies

Area studies:

Concentration in Humanities

Sixteen credits from the list of approved courses in Track #1, plus four credits from Track #2, as approved by adviser

Concentration in Social Sciences

Sixteen credits from the list of approved courses in Track #2, plus four credits from Track #1, as approved by adviser

Plus:

Eight additional credits in courses selected from either Track #1 or Track #2

Note: Students are strongly recommended to take a third year of Russian or any other east European language. A program of study abroad in Russia or one of the central or east European countries, during a semester, a January term, or during the summer, is strongly encouraged. All options should be discussed with the student's adviser.

Courses available for this program

Letter following the course number indicates the institution offering the course:

- A Augsburg College
- C College of St. Catherine
- H Hamline University
- M Macalester College
- T University of St. Thomas

Language courses

- RUSS 111T Elementary Russian I
- RUSS 112T Elementary Russian II
- RUSS 211T Intermediate Russian I
- RUSS 212T Intermediate Russian II
- RUSS 31M Advanced Russian I
- RUSS 32M Advanced Russian II
- RUSS 33M Advanced Russian Conversation

Russian, Central and East European Studies – Social Sciences

Note: Overlapping courses are shown in parentheses

Track #1: Humanities concentration

HIST	348A	Russia and Soviet Union in 20th Century (HIST 3730H, HIST 333T)
HIST	3370H	Modern Russia from the Empire to Revolution (HIST 60M)
HIST	3710H	The Rise and Fall of the Soviet Union
HIST	3730H	Heart of Europe: Central and Eastern Europe in 20th Century (HIST 348A, HIST 333T)
HIST	55M	History and Philosophy of Socialism
HIST	60M	State and Society in Tsarist Russia (HIST 3370H)
HIST	62M	History of the Soviet Union and Its Successors
HIST	313T	Europe 1750 to 1945
HIST	331T	Eastern Europe, 1699-1914
HIST	333T	Eastern Europe, 1914 to Present (HIST 348A, HIST 3730H)
HIST	464T	Seminar in European History

Russian literature

RUSS	51M	19th Century Literature in Translation
RUSS	52M	20th Century Literature and Culture in Translation
RUSS	63M	Orientalism and Empire: Russia's Literary South
RUSS	67M	Dostoevsky and Gogol

Advanced language

RUSS	41AM	Russia in Russian—Speaking/Listening
RUSS	41BM	Russia in Russian—Reading/Writing
RUSS	88M	Senior Seminar (taught in Russian - Humanities track only)

Culture

RCEE	88M	Senior Seminar
RUSS	50-01M	Topics (subject matter will vary)
RUSS	55M	Russian Culture
RUSS	56M	Soviet Mass Culture
RUSS	64M	Culture and Revolution

Human Rights

IS	50M	Topics: Human Rights
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Theology

REL	420A	The Russian Orthodox Church
REL	66M	The Russian Religious Experience

Track #2: Social sciences concentration

ECO	317A	Comparative Economic Systems (ECON 25M, ECON 349T)
ECO	495A	Topics
ECON	25M	Comparative Economic Systems (ECO 317A, ECON 349T)
ECON	35M	Economics of the Transition
ECON	346T	Topics: Country and Area Studies in Economics
ECON	349T	Comparative Economic Systems (ECO 317A, ECON 25M)
POL	351A	Topics in Communist/Post-Communist Systems
POL	363A	Russian and Chinese Foreign Policy
POSC	220C	Introduction to Comparative Government
POSC	225C	Introduction to World Politics
POL	3620H	Government and Politics of Eastern and Central Europe
POL	350T	Comparative Politics of the New Europe
POL	424T	Seminar in International Politics
POL	454T	Seminar in Comparative Politics

Business/Management

BUS	364A	East-West Trade
BADM	350C	International Marketing and Management

Social Sciences

Langan (ECON), Wright (HIST), Farlow (POL), Karraker (SOC), advisers

The major in the social sciences is intended for the liberal arts student who wishes to become familiar with the perspective of the four disciplines traditionally defined as the social sciences – economics, history, political science, and sociology – and who wishes at the same time to study more intensively one of those disciplines. In requiring both introductory and advanced courses in each of the disciplines, irrespective of the area of concentration, the major provides both opportunity and challenge for the student seriously interested in understanding the order, structure and interrelationships involved in human behavior.