RUSSIAN LITERATURE, CULTURE AND TRANSLATION - B.A.

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Description
The Bachelor of Arts degree in Russian Literature, Culture and Translation provides a basis for the development of professional-level proficiency in the Russian language, as well as comprehensive understanding of Russian literature and culture, including television and film. Additionally, students are introduced to basic skills for translating a variety of pragmatic texts from Russian into English. Students explore the language and culture of the pre-revolutionary Russian empire, the Soviet Union and contemporary post-Soviet Russia.

FULLY OFFERED AT:
- Kent Campus

Admission Requirements
The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special talents and adult students who graduated from high school three or more years ago.

Freshman Students on the Kent Campus: The freshman admission policy on the Kent Campus is selective. Admission decisions are based upon the following: cumulative grade point average, ACT and/or SAT scores, strength of high school college preparatory curriculum and grade trends. The Admissions Office at the Kent Campus may defer the admission of students who do not meet admissions criteria but who demonstrate areas of promise for successful college study. Deferred applicants may begin their college coursework at one of seven Regional Campuses of Kent State University. For more information on admissions, including additional requirements for some academic programs, visit the admissions website for new freshmen.

Freshman Students on the Regional Campuses: Kent State campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, as well as the Regional Academic Center in Twinsburg, have open enrollment admission for students who hold a high school diploma, GED or equivalent.

Transfer, Transitioning and Former Students: For more information about admission criteria for transfer, transitioning and former students, please visit the admissions website.

English Language Proficiency Requirements for International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 525 TOEFL score (71 on the Internet-based version), minimum 75 MELAB score, minimum 6.0 IELTS score or minimum 48 PTE Academic score, or by completing the ELS level 112 Intensive Program. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education’s admission website.

Program Learning Outcomes
Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Perform tasks at intermediate high and advanced low levels of proficiency as described by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Proficiency Guidelines. Proficiency, in ACTFL terms, is understood to describe a range of qualities rather than an absolute norm and will vary according to task type, language function, topic, skill (listening, speaking, reading, writing) and so forth.
2. Contribute to most informal and some formal conversations with sufficient accuracy, clarity and precision to convey their intended message without misrepresentation or confusion.
3. Read a wide variety of texts written for native speakers of Russian and not edited or adapted for non-native speakers.
4. Compose routine social correspondence and write cohesive summaries, narratives and descriptions of a factual nature in Russian.
5. Demonstrate a historical knowledge of Russian history and culture and understand the diverse nature of culture throughout the ages.
6. Discuss cultural differences, distinguishing between fact, opinion and stereotypes.
7. Communicate effectively and sensitively to diverse ethnic and cultural groups.
8. View concepts, issues, events and themes from the perspectives of diverse ethnic and cultural groups.
10. Maintain an ongoing assessment of their own cultural values and behaviors.

University Requirements
All students in a bachelor’s degree program at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

NOTE: University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements. Please see Program Requirements for details.

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<td>Diversity Domestic/Global (DIVD/DIVG)</td>
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Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate. Students in a B.A. and/or B.S. degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete 42 upper-division credit hours.

**Total Credit Hour Requirement** 120

Some bachelor’s degrees require students to complete more than 120 credit hours.

### Kent Core Requirements

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<td>Kent Core Additional (KADL)</td>
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**Total Credit Hours:** 36-37

### Program Requirements

#### Major Requirements

**[AS-BA-RLCT]**

**Prerequisite Requirements**

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**Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA)**

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**Major Elective, choose from the following:**

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**Russian Literature or Cultural Electives, choose from the following:**

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**Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)**

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**General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credit hours, including 42 upper-division credit hours):**

- **Minimum Total Credit Hours:** 120

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1. Students who fulfill the language requirement in fewer than 14 credit hours as a result of starting their Russian studies in a course higher than RUSS 22202 will complete remaining credit hours with general electives. Students with previous Russian study should see a Russian major advisor for placement. Students lacking in sufficient major-level proficiency to take the first major courses (RUSS 32201) can reach it by taking courses in the prerequisite sequence (RUSS 12201, RUSS 12202, RUSS 22201 and RUSS 22202) based on the advisor’s placement recommendation and high school training. Students with sufficient Russian to place into higher semesters are not allowed in RUSS 12202.

2. Students are required to earn a minimum C grade to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.

3. Students planning to earn teaching licensure and declared in the Education minor should take MCLS 30420.

4. One additional course taken from the Kent Core Basic Science courses in the following Arts and Sciences disciplines: Anthropology (ANTH), Biological Sciences (BSCI), Chemistry (CHEM), Geography (GEOG), Geology (GEOG) or Physics (PHY). The course may not be from the student’s major.

5. One additional course taken from the Kent Social Sciences courses in the following Arts and Sciences disciplines: Anthropology (ANTH), Applied Conflict Management (CACM), Geography (GEOG), Criminology and Justice Studies (CRIM), Political Science (POL), Psychology (PSYC) or Sociology (SOC). This course may not be from the student’s major.

### Graduation Requirements

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- All Russian Literature, Culture and Translation majors must take the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Oral Proficiency Interview, ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test and the Russian Outcomes Assessment Test, prior to being cleared for graduation. Information about the exams can be found on the ACTFL Website and the Language Testing International (LTI) website, the exclusive licensee of ACTFL. B.A. in Russian Literature, Culture and Translation
candidates should consult with their designated Russian faculty advisor for more information on arranging to take the proficiency exams.

**Program Note**

- Some courses in the Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies are offered on a rotating basis, and course availability may change at any time. Visit the department's website for course offering projections and advising with course planning.
### Roadmap

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

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