

RUSSIAN LITERATURE, CULTURE AND TRANSLATION - B.A.

College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies
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Examples of Possible Careers*

Foreign language and literature teachers, postsecondary

- 5.7% faster than the average
- 30,600 number of jobs
- \$69,920 potential earnings

Interpreters and translators

- 20.0% much faster than the average
- 77,400 number of jobs
- \$52,330 potential earnings

Secondary school teachers, except special and career/ technical education

- 3.8% about as fast as the average
- 1,050,800 number of jobs
- \$62,870 potential earnings

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Fully Offered

- Kent Campus

***Note**
Source of occupation titles and labor data is from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics'

Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

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.

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 first-year students.

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

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, minimum 48 PTE score or minimum 100 DET score; or by completing the ESL level 112 Intensive Program. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education's admission website.

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

Destination Kent State: First Year Experience	1
Course is not required for students with 25 transfer credits, excluding College Credit Plus, or age 21+ at time of admission.	
Diversity Domestic/Global (DIVD/DIVG)	2 courses
Students must successfully complete one domestic and one global course, of which one must be from the Kent Core.	
Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR)	varies
Students must successfully complete one course or approved experience.	
Kent Core (see table below)	36-37
Writing-Intensive Course (WIC)	1 course
Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course.	
Upper-Division Requirement	39 (or 42)
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

Kent Core Composition (KCOMP)	6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR)	3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA) (min one course each)	9
Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS) (must be from two disciplines)	6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB) (must include one laboratory)	6-7
Kent Core Additional (KADL)	6
Total Credit Hours:	36-37

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Prerequisite Requirements ¹		
RUSS 12201	ELEMENTARY RUSSIAN I	
RUSS 12202	ELEMENTARY RUSSIAN II	
RUSS 22201	INTERMEDIATE RUSSIAN I	
RUSS 22202	INTERMEDIATE RUSSIAN II	
Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
RUSS 32201	INTENSIVE RUSSIAN GRAMMAR	3
RUSS 32211	COMPOSITION AND CONVERSATION	3
RUSS 32215	RUSSIAN PHONETICS AND DICTION	3

RUSS 32231	TRANSLATION PRACTICE: RUSSIAN	1
RUSS 32303	MODERN WRITERS (ELR) (WIC) ²	3
RUSS 32421	RUSSIAN CIVILIZATION (ELR) (WIC) ²	3
RUSS 42211	ADVANCED COMPOSITION AND CONVERSATION	3
RUSS 42351	SURVEY OF RUSSIAN AND SOVIET LITERATURE	4
TRST 30230	APPROACHES TO TRANSLATION	3
MCLS 30420	FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND CULTURE STUDIES	3
Major Elective, choose from the following:		3
RUSS 42095	SPECIAL TOPICS IN RUSSIAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURES	
RUSS 42096	INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION	
RUSS 42240	BUSINESS AND SPECIAL TEXTS: RUSSIAN	
RUSS 42399	RESEARCH PROJECT IN RUSSIAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (ELR)	
Russian Literature or Cultural Electives, choose from the following:		6
RUSS 22501	RUSSIAN LITERATURE IN ENGLISH	
RUSS 32240	CONVERSATION FOR BUSINESS AND SPECIAL PURPOSES: RUSSIAN	
RUSS 42095	SPECIAL TOPICS IN RUSSIAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURES	
RUSS 42230	ADVANCED TRANSLATION PRACTICE: RUSSIAN (ELR) (WIC)	
RUSS 42240	BUSINESS AND SPECIAL TEXTS: RUSSIAN	
Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)		
UC 10097	DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
Kent Core Composition		6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning		3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (minimum one course from each)		9
Kent Core Social Sciences (must be from two disciplines)		6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (must include one laboratory)		6-7
Kent Core Additional		6
College General Requirement (must be from Kent Core Basic Sciences) ⁴		3
College General Requirement (must be from Kent Core Social Sciences) ⁵		3
General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credit hours, including 42 upper-division credit hours)		39
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		120

- 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 (GEOL) 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), Geography (GEOG), Criminology and Justice Studies (CRIM), Peace and Conflict Studies (PACS), Political Science (POL), Psychology (PSYC) or Sociology (SOC). This course may not be from the student's major.

² Certain majors, concentrations and minors may require specific languages, limit the languages from which a student may choose or require coursework through Intermediate II. Students who plan to pursue graduate study may need particular language coursework.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.000	2.000

- 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.

Foreign Language College Requirement, B.A.

Students pursuing the Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete 14-16 credit hours of foreign language.¹

To complete the requirement, students need the equivalent of Elementary I and II in any language, plus one of the following options²:

1. Intermediate I and II of the same language
2. Elementary I and II of a second language
3. Any combination of two courses from the following list:
 - Intermediate I of the same language, or ARAB 21401, ASL 19401, CHIN 25421, MCLS 10001, MCLS 20001, MCLS 20091, MCLS 21417, MCLS 21420, MCLS 22217, MCLS 28403, MCLS 28404

¹ All students with prior foreign language experience should take the foreign language placement test to determine the appropriate level at which to start. Some students may start beyond the Elementary I level and will complete the requirement with fewer credit hours and fewer courses. This may be accomplished by (1) passing a course beyond Elementary I through Intermediate II level; (2) receiving credit through one of the alternative credit programs offered by Kent State University; or (3) demonstrating language proficiency comparable to Elementary II of a foreign language. When students complete the requirement with fewer than 14 credit hours and four courses, they will complete remaining credit hours with general electives.

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.

Semester One		Credits
UC 10097	DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	General Elective	3
Credit Hours		16
Semester Two		
MCLS 30420	FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND CULTURE STUDIES	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	General Elective	3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Three		
! RUSS 32201	INTENSIVE RUSSIAN GRAMMAR	3
RUSS 32303	MODERN WRITERS (ELR) (WIC)	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Four		
! RUSS 32215	RUSSIAN PHONETICS AND DICTION	3
	College General Requirement	3
	College General Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	General Elective	2
Credit Hours		14
Semester Five		
! RUSS 32231	TRANSLATION PRACTICE: RUSSIAN	1
! TRST 30230	APPROACHES TO TRANSLATION	3
RUSS 32211	COMPOSITION AND CONVERSATION	3
	General Electives	8
Credit Hours		15
Semester Six		
RUSS 32421	RUSSIAN CIVILIZATION (ELR) (WIC)	3
RUSS 42211	ADVANCED COMPOSITION AND CONVERSATION	3
! Russian Literature or Cultural Elective		3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	General Elective	3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Seven		
! Russian Literature or Cultural Elective		3
	General Electives	12
Credit Hours		15
Semester Eight		
RUSS 42351	SURVEY OF RUSSIAN AND SOVIET LITERATURE	4
! Major Elective		3

General Electives	8
Credit Hours	15
Minimum Total Credit Hours:	120