

RUSSIAN LITERATURE, CULTURE AND TRANSLATION - B.A.

College of Arts and Sciences
 Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies
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About This Program

Explore the rich world of Russian literature and culture with Kent State's B.A. in Russian Literature, Culture and Translation program. Immerse yourself in Russian language, literature and culture while gaining valuable skills in translation and interpretation. Read more...

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Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - In person
- **Location:**
 - Kent Campus

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Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries*

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

* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes 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.

Admission Requirements

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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.

First-Year Students on the Kent Campus: First-year admission policy on the Kent Campus is selective. Admission decisions are based upon cumulative grade point average, strength of high school college preparatory curriculum and grade trends. Students not admissible to the Kent Campus may be administratively referred to one of the seven regional campuses to begin their college coursework. For more information, visit the admissions website for first-year students.

First-Year Students on the Regional Campuses: First-year admission to Kent State's campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, as well as the Twinsburg Academic Center, is open to anyone with a high school diploma or its equivalent. For more information on admissions, contact the Regional Campuses admissions offices.

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, visit the admissions website for international students.

Transfer Students: Students who have attended any other educational institution after graduating from high school must apply as undergraduate transfer students. For more information, visit the admissions website for transfer students.

Former Students: Former Kent State students or graduates who have not attended another college or university since Kent State may complete the reenrollment or reinstatement form on the University Registrar's website.

Admission policies for undergraduate students may be found in the University Catalog's Academic Policies.

Some programs may require that students meet certain requirements before progressing through the program. For programs with progression requirements, the information is shown on the program's Coursework tab.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Prerequisite Requirements ¹		
RUSS 12201	ELEMENTARY RUSSIAN I	
RUSS 12202	ELEMENTARY RUSSIAN II	
Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
MCLS 22217	DIVERSITY IN TODAY'S RUSSIA (DIVG)	3
RUSS 22201	INTERMEDIATE RUSSIAN I	3
RUSS 22202	INTERMEDIATE RUSSIAN II	3
RUSS 22215	RUSSIAN PHONETICS AND DICTION	3
RUSS 32201	INTENSIVE RUSSIAN GRAMMAR	3

or RUSS 32211	COMPOSITION AND CONVERSATION	
RUSS 32303	MODERN WRITERS (ELR) (WIC) ²	3
or RUSS 32421	RUSSIAN CIVILIZATION (ELR) (WIC)	
or RUSS 42230	ADVANCED TRANSLATION PRACTICE: RUSSIAN (ELR) (WIC)	
RUSS 32501	RUSSIAN LITERATURE IN ENGLISH	3
Russian (RUSS) Upper-Division Elective (30000 or 40000 level)		3
Russian (RUSS) Upper-Division Elective (40000 level)		3
Major Electives, choose from the following:		6
Any Modern and Classical Language Studies (MCLS) course (20000, 30000 or 40000 level) ³		
Any Russian (RUSS) Upper-Division course (30000 or 40000 level)		
Any Translation Studies (TRST) Upper-Division course (30000 or 40000 level)		
Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)		
UC 10001	FLASHES 101	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
General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credit hours, including 39 upper-division credit hours)		50
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 or background knowledge should take the Russian Placement test and consult with a Russian faculty advisor for placement. Students lacking in sufficient major-level proficiency to take the first major course (RUSS 22201) can reach it by taking courses in the prerequisite sequence (RUSS 12201 and RUSS 12202). Students with sufficient Russian to place into higher semesters are not allowed to take RUSS 12201 or RUSS 12202.

² Students must earn a minimum C grade in one course to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.

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

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. Please see the program coordinator or your academic advisor for 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:

- Intermediate I and II of the same language
- Elementary I and II of a second language
- Any combination of two courses from the following list:

- Intermediate I of the same language
- 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.

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.

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
MCLS 22217	DIVERSITY IN TODAY'S RUSSIA (DIVG)	3
UC 10001	FLASHES 101	1
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
!	Prerequisite or General Electives	4
Credit Hours		14
Semester Two		
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3

Kent Core Requirement	3
! Prerequisite or General Electives	4
Credit Hours	16
Semester Three	
! RUSS 22201 INTERMEDIATE RUSSIAN I	3
RUSS 22215 RUSSIAN PHONETICS AND DICTION	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
Credit Hours	15
Semester Four	
! RUSS 22202 INTERMEDIATE RUSSIAN II	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
General Elective	3
Credit Hours	15
Semester Five	
RUSS 32211 COMPOSITION AND CONVERSATION	3
or Major Elective	
General Electives	12
Credit Hours	15
Semester Six	
RUSS 32303 MODERN WRITERS (ELR) (WIC)	3
or or RUSSIAN CIVILIZATION (ELR) (WIC)	
RUSS 32421 or ADVANCED TRANSLATION PRACTICE:	
or RUSSIAN (ELR) (WIC)	
RUSS 42230	
! RUSS 32501 RUSSIAN LITERATURE IN ENGLISH	3
General Electives	9
Credit Hours	15
Semester Seven	
RUSS 32201 INTENSIVE RUSSIAN GRAMMAR	3
or Major Elective	
Russian (RUSS) Upper-Division Elective (40000 level)	3
General Electives	9
Credit Hours	15
Semester Eight	
Russian (RUSS) Upper-Division Elective (30000 or 40000 level)	3
Major Elective	3
General Electives	9
Credit Hours	15
Minimum Total Credit Hours:	120

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.

Flashes 101 (UC 10001) 1 credit hour

Course is not required for students with 30+ 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 credit hours
Writing-Intensive Course (WIC)	1 course
Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course.	
Upper-Division Requirement	39 credit hours
Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate.	
Total Credit Hour Requirement	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 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 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. Maintain an ongoing assessment of their own cultural values and behaviors.

Full 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.