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

Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries*
Foreign language and literature teachers, postsecondary
• 5.7% much 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
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. 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. 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 Coursework tab.

Program Requirements
Major Requirements

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Major Electives, choose from the following:

- Any Modern and Classical Language Studies (MCLS) course (20000 or 30000 or 40000 level) ³
- Any Russian (RUSS) Upper-Division course (30000 or 40000 level) ³
- 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 credits hour, including 39 upper-division credit hours) 50

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 120

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
   - 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 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: 2.000
- Minimum Overall GPA: 2.000

Program Note

- 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.

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:

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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Kent Core Requirement 3

Credit Hours 15

Semester Four

RUSS 22202 INTERMEDIATE RUSSIAN II 3

Kent Core Requirement 3

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Kent Core Requirement 3

General Elective 3

Credit Hours 15

Semester Five

RUSS 32211 COMPOSITION AND CONVERSATION (or Major Elective) 3

General Electives 12

Credit Hours 15

Semester Six

RUSS 32303 MODERN WRITERS (ELR) (WIC) 3

or RUSS 32421 or ADVANCED TRANSLATION PRACTICE: RUSSIAN (ELR) (WIC)

or RUSS 42230

RUSS 32501 RUSSIAN LITERATURE IN ENGLISH 3

General Electives 9

Credit Hours 15

Semester Seven

RUSS 32201 INTENSIVE RUSSIAN GRAMMAR (or Major Elective) 3

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 (KCMP) 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.