

# RUSSIAN LITERATURE, CULTURE AND TRANSLATION - B.A.

College of Sciences and Humanities  
 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

- -0.2% little or no change
- 26,400 number of jobs
- \$77,010 potential earnings

### Interpreters and translators

- 1.7% slower than the average
- 75,300 number of jobs
- \$59,440 potential earnings

### Secondary school teachers, except special and career/technical education

- -1.6% decline
- 1,094,500 number of jobs
- \$64,580 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.

**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 proficiency of the English language (unless they meet specific exceptions) through the submission of an English language proficiency test score or by completing English language classes at Kent State's English as a Second Language Center before entering their program. For more information, visit the admissions website for international students.

**Former Students:** Former Kent State students who have not attended another institution since Kent State and were not academically dismissed will complete the re-enrollment process through the Financial, Billing and Enrollment Center. Former students who attended another college or university since leaving Kent State must apply for admissions as a transfer or post-undergraduate student.

**Transfer Students:** Students who attended an educational institution after graduating from high school or earning their GED must apply as transfer students. For more information, visit the admissions website for transfer students.

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

Students may be required to meet certain criteria to progress in their program. Any progression requirements will be listed on the program's Coursework tab

## Program Requirements

### Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Prerequisite Requirements <sup>1</sup></b>		
RUSS 12201	ELEMENTARY RUSSIAN I	
RUSS 12202	ELEMENTARY RUSSIAN II	
<b>Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA)</b>		
MCLS 22217	DIVERSITY IN TODAY'S RUSSIA	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 32230	TRANSLATION PRACTICE: RUSSIAN (ELR) (WIC) <sup>2</sup>	3
or RUSS 32303	MODERN WRITERS (ELR) (WIC)	
or RUSS 32421	RUSSIAN CIVILIZATION (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) <sup>3</sup>		
Any Russian (RUSS) Upper-Division course (30000 or 40000 level)		
Any Translation Studies (TRST) Upper-Division course (30000 or 40000 level)		
<b>Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)</b>		
UC 10001	FLASHES 101	1
American Civic Literacy Requirement <sup>4</sup>		3
Kent Core Composition		6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning		3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (minimum one course from each) <sup>4</sup>		6-9
Kent Core Social Sciences (must be from two disciplines) <sup>4</sup>		3-6
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
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>120</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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

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

<sup>4</sup> If students complete the American Civic Literacy requirement by taking HIST 12061, the course will apply to the Kent Core Humanities category. If they complete it with POL 10101, the course will apply to the Kent Core Social Sciences category.

## 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. Students should see the program coordinator or academic advisor for course planning.

## Foreign Language College Requirement, B.A.

Students pursuing the Bachelor of Arts degree\* in the College of Sciences and Humanities must complete the following:

- Elementary I and II of any language (or equivalent) **and**
- One of the following options:
  - 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
    - One to two college-level course(s) completed outside the United States
    - Courses: ARAB 21401, ASL 19401, CHIN 25421, MCLS 10001, MCLS 20001, MCLS 20091, MCLS 21417, MCLS 21420, MCLS 22217, MCLS 28403, MCLS 28404

\*The Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication Studies is exempt from the foreign language requirement until fall 2028 due to its previous longstanding academic placement in the College of Communication and Information, which does not have a foreign language requirement.

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 courses. This may be accomplished in one of three ways:

- Passing a course beyond Elementary I through Intermediate II level
- Receiving credit through one of the alternative credit programs offered by Kent State University
- Demonstrating language proficiency comparable to Elementary II of a foreign language

Certain programs 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 a particular language proficiency.

## Roadmap

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this program. Students will work with their advisor to develop a sequence based on their academic goals and history. 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	3
UC 10001 FLASHES 101	1
Kent Core Requirement	3

Kent Core Requirement	3
! Prerequisite or General Electives	4
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Semester Two</b>	
Kent Core Requirement	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
! Prerequisite or General Electives	4
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Semester Three</b>	
! RUSS 22201 INTERMEDIATE RUSSIAN I	3
RUSS 22215 RUSSIAN PHONETICS AND DICTION	3
American Civic Literacy Requirement	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Semester Four</b>	
! RUSS 22202 INTERMEDIATE RUSSIAN II	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
General Elective	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Semester Five</b>	
RUSS 32211 COMPOSITION AND CONVERSATION	3
or Major Elective	
General Electives	12
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Semester Six</b>	
RUSS 32230 TRANSLATION PRACTICE: RUSSIAN (ELR) (WIC)	3
or MODERN WRITERS (ELR) (WIC)	
RUSS 32303 or RUSSIAN CIVILIZATION (ELR) (WIC)	
or RUSS 32421	
! RUSS 32501 RUSSIAN LITERATURE IN ENGLISH	3
General Electives	9
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Semester Seven</b>	
RUSS 32201 INTENSIVE RUSSIAN GRAMMAR	3
or Major Elective	
Russian (RUSS) Upper-Division Elective (40000 level)	3
General Electives	9
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Semester Eight</b>	
Russian (RUSS) Upper-Division Elective (30000 or 40000 level)	3
Major Elective	3
General Electives	9
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>	<b>120</b>

**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.	
American Civic Literacy	3 credit hours
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.	
<b>Total Credit Hour Requirement</b>	<b>120 credit hours</b>

## 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
<b>Total Credit Hours:</b>	<b>36-37</b>

## 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.

## University Requirements

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

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.

## **Program Policies**

### **Foreign Language Requirements**

In general, students may elect any foreign language taught through the Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies. However, certain majors, concentrations and minors require specific languages or limit the languages from which students may choose. In addition, students who plan to pursue graduate study may need particular languages for that study. In such cases, students should seek the advice of the appropriate department before selecting a language.

### **Progress Toward Fulfillment**

College of Sciences and Humanities students are encouraged to begin meeting the foreign language requirement as early as possible in their program to ensure timely degree completion.

### **Mandatory Outcomes Assessment**

In addition to the other General Requirements of the college, candidates for an undergraduate degree in the College of Sciences and Humanities are required, as a condition of graduation, to participate in an outcomes assessment. These outcomes assessments are conducted by each undergraduate degree program in the College of Sciences and Humanities.

### **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.