

What is Russian?

The Institute of Linguistics, English as a Second Language, and Slavic Languages and Literatures (ILES) unit offers study of the Russian and Polish, the Iranic and Turkic languages of Central Asia, and literature and culture of the Slavic world and Central Asia. The unit offers a major and a minor in Russian Language and Literature.

What are the major requirements?

Go to www.catalogs.umn.edu/programs.html and select “Undergraduate majors.”

How do I declare a Russian major?

You will be required to declare a major by the time you have completed 60 credits.

1. Talk with someone from the department: an adviser, a professor, or a teaching assistant, to learn more about the major and its requirements.
2. When you decide upon a Russian major, meet with the department’s Director of Undergraduate Studies to complete a Major Program form.
3. Bring a copy of the form to your CLA student community.
4. If you decide to change your major, contact your student community to learn more about your new major’s declaration process.

What can I do with a major in Russian?

Skills

Russian majors develop skills that are applicable to a wide variety of careers.

These skills include:

- Verbal and written communication skills
- Strong cultural knowledge and understanding
- Ability to formulate clear and persuasive messages
- Listening, clarifying, questioning and responding skills
- Ability to work well with diverse groups

Employment

Common areas of employment for this major include but are not limited to:

- Business—marketing, human resources, sales, recruiting, international business
- Education—teaching, research, student affairs
- Government—public information, campaigns, policy, elected official
- Social services—social work, therapy, ESL instruction
- Nonprofit—fundraising, programming, management
- Law—litigation, advocacy, lobbying

Today’s workplace requires individuals with interpersonal skills, the ability to communicate effectively, an ability to solve problems, and adaptability. CLA graduates find that they are

For more information:

About the Russian major:
Undergraduate Advising Office
214 Nolte Center
(612) 624-3331
<http://www.iles.umn.edu>

About CLA requirements, graduation, and other information about majors:
CLA Languages and Mathematics Student Community
114 Johnston Hall
(612) 624-7540
<http://langmath.class.umn.edu>

or
CLA Martin Luther King, Jr. Program
19 Johnston Hall
(612) 625-2300
<http://www.class.umn.edu/mlk/mlk@class.cla.umn.edu>

About careers, internships, and community learning opportunities in this major and others:
Career and Community Learning Center
135 Johnston Hall
(612) 624-7577
www.cclc.umn.edu
cclc@class.cla.umn.edu

About graduation with honors:
CLA Honors Division
20 Nicholson
(612) 624-5522
www.cla.umn.edu/honors/honors@class.cla.umn.edu

well-prepared in all these areas and that their education—especially when combined with experience gained through internships, volunteer positions, past jobs, and other collegiate involvement—makes them competitive.

The **Career & Community Learning Center** provides students with the tools to identify and pursue potential careers. An extensive resource room, career courses and workshops, and a helpful staff are just some of the ways we can help.

Remember!

You have not declared a major until you have:

- completed a Major Program form with your major adviser,
- filed a copy with the major department,
- and filed a copy with your CLA student community.

Don't forget: keep a copy for yourself!