

RUSSIAN AND SLAVIC STUDIES (MA)

Department Website (<http://as.nyu.edu/russianslavic/>)

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Program Description

The department offers an interdisciplinary MA in Russian and Slavic studies, a program that allows students to take Russia-related courses in departments across NYU. In addition to the departmental curriculum's particular strengths in literature, history, and film, the course of study can encompass a wide variety of specializations, from anthropology and politics to music, linguistics, and performance studies. With its focus on interdisciplinarity and comparative methodologies, the program can serve as excellent preparation for graduate study at the PhD level. It also provides a thorough grounding in the Russia field for terminal MA students who choose to pursue a career in this area.

Students applying to the MA program must hold a BA degree and have a basic knowledge of the Russian language. Usually students have an undergraduate degree in Russian, but majors in other subjects may be accepted.

Admissions

All applicants to the Graduate School of Arts and Science (GSAS) are required to submit the general application requirements (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/nyu-as/gsas/admissions/arc.html>), which include:

- Academic Transcripts (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/nyu-as/gsas/admissions/arc/academic-transcripts.html>)
- Test Scores (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/nyu-as/gsas/admissions/arc/test-scores.html>) (if required)
- Applicant Statements (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/nyu-as/gsas/admissions/arc/statements.html>)
- Résumé or Curriculum Vitae
- Letters of Recommendation (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/nyu-as/gsas/admissions/arc/letters-of-recommendation.html>), and
- A non-refundable application fee (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/admissions/arc.html#fee>).

See Russian and Slavic Studies (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/admissions/arc/programs/russian-and-slavic-studies.html>) for admission requirements and instructions specific to this program.

Program Requirements

The MA degree requires successful completion of eight courses (32 credits) and a thesis.

Course	Title	Credits
Major Requirements		
RUSSN-GA 2121	Graduate Proseminar	4
RUSSN-GA 2137	Grad Research Seminar and Practicum	4
Electives		
Other Elective Credits		24
Total Credits		32

Additional Program Requirements

Language Requirement

Before being granted the MA, students must demonstrate research-level proficiency in Russian by either passing an examination or earning the equivalent of an A grade in the department's graduate-level Reading Contemporary Russian II course.

Master's Thesis

Students must complete a Master's thesis.

International Relations Concentration

The program offers a concentration in International Relations, completed with 34 credits.

Concentration Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Concentration Requirements		
RUSSN-GA 2121	Graduate Proseminar	4
INTRL-GA 1600	Global & Intl History	4
INTRL-GA 1700	International Relations	4
INTRL-GA 4000	Master's Thesis Seminar	2
Electives		
Select one 4-credit International Relations elective		4
Other Elective Credits		16
Total Credits		34

Additional Program Requirements

Language Requirement

Students are required to fulfill the same requirements with regard to the language requirement as others in the Russian and Slavic Studies.

Master's Thesis

Students will write a jointly supervised MA thesis (one advisor from International Relations and one affiliated with the Department of Russian and Slavic Studies), an original piece of scholarly work of approximately 40-50 pages.

Sample Plan of Study

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
RUSSN-GA 2121	Graduate Proseminar	4
Elective Course		4
Elective Course		4
Credits		12
2nd Semester/Term		
RUSSN-GA 2137	Grad Research Seminar and Practicum	4
Elective Course		4
Elective Course		4
Credits		12
3rd Semester/Term		
Elective Course		4
Elective Course		4
Credits		8
Total Credits		32

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will have:

1. A general understanding of Russian history and culture, to be gained through completion of required and approved courses.
2. Proficiency in Russian language at the advanced level, as demonstrated either by passing the departmental language exam or earning an A- or A in a 3rd-year college Russian course.
3. Proficiency in sourcing and utilizing scholarly materials in both English and Russian, effectively formulating a thesis, analyzing arguments, and developing original arguments that acknowledge and engage with the work of other scholars, while also communicating ideas clearly and persuasively.

Policies

NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

Graduate School of Arts and Science Policies

Academic Policies for the Graduate School of Arts and Science can be found on the Academic Policies page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/graduate/arts-science/academic-policies/>).