**RUSSIAN CULTURE MINOR**

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The Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures conducts research and offers instruction in the languages, literatures, and cultures of central, northern, and eastern Europe and northern Asia.

**Department Programs**

**Majors**
- Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures Major, B.A.–Central European Studies Concentration (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/germanic-slavic-languages-literatures-major-ba-central-european-studies-concentration/)  
- Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures Major, B.A.–German Literature and Culture Concentration (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/germanic-slavic-languages-literatures-major-ba-german-literature-culture-concentration/)  
- Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures Major, B.A.–German Media, Arts, and Culture Concentration (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/germanic-slavic-languages-literatures-major-ba-german-media-arts-culture-concentration/)  
- Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures Major, B.A.–Russian Language and Culture Concentration (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/germanic-slavic-languages-literatures-major-ba-russian-language-culture-concentration/)  
- Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures Major, B.A.–Slavic and East European Languages and Cultures Concentration (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/germanic-slavic-languages-literatures-major-slavic-east-european-languages-cultures-concentration/)  

**Minors**
- German Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/germanic-slavic-languages-literatures-literatures-major-ba-german-literature-culture-concentration/)  
- Russian Culture Minor (p. 1)  
- Slavic and East European Languages and Cultures Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/germanic-slavic-languages-literatures-major-slavic-east-european-languages-cultures-concentration/)  

**Graduate Programs**
- M.A. in German Studies (http://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/germanic-slavic-languages-literatures-languages-literatures-major-ba-german-literature-culture-concentration/)  
- Ph.D. in German Studies (http://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/germanic-slavic-languages-literatures-languages-literatures-major-ba-german-literature-culture-concentration/)  

**Requirements**
In addition to the program requirements listed below, students must:
- take at least nine hours of their minor "core" requirements at UNC–Chapel Hill  
- earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.000 in the minor core requirements. Some programs may require higher standards for minor or specific courses.

For more information, please consult the degree requirements section of the catalog (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/graduate-curriculum-degree-requirements/#degreerequirements).  

**Code** | **Title** | **Hours**  
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**Core Requirements**  
A minimum of five RUSS courses (15 hours) covering any aspect of Russian language, literature, or culture.  
15  
Total Hours  
15  

1 The first two semesters of Russian (i.e., RUSS 101 and RUSS 102) may not be counted toward this minor.

- GSSL courses numbered above 200 may count toward the minor with the approval of the director of undergraduate studies.  
- At least nine credit hours beyond RUSS 102 must be taken at UNC–Chapel Hill to fulfill the requirements of the minor. Minors who study abroad or wish to transfer credit from another institution may apply to transfer one course counting toward the minor. Before their departure for a study abroad program, students should consult the director of undergraduate studies about appropriate courses taken abroad for the minor.  
- Students who receive placement credit (PL) or By-Examination credit (BE) for RUSS 203, RUSS 204, RUSS 409 and/or RUSS 410 must substitute this credit with coursework (three credit hours each to replace each course with PL or BE credit) to complete the requirements for the minor. Students may not re-enroll in a course for which they have received PL or BE credit.

Russian (RUSS) course descriptions (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/departments/germanic-slavic-languages-literatures/#coursestext).

**Special Opportunities in Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures**

**Honors in Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures**
Students majoring in Germanic and Slavic languages and literatures who are qualified for honors work are strongly encouraged to consider taking honors during their senior year. Undertaking an honors project gives students the opportunity to explore a topic in depth under the direction of a faculty member. Students who wish to do honors work should confer with the director of undergraduate studies and choose an honors thesis advisor during the first or second semester of their junior year, and complete an honors thesis contract. Second-semester juniors or first-semester seniors will be enrolled in GSSL 691H (honors reading and special studies) for their first semester of honors thesis work, once the honors thesis contract is fully approved. For the second semester,
once an updated contract is completed, students will be enrolled in GSLL 692H (writing the honors thesis). When GSLL 693H is offered, the course replaces GSLL 692H and provides an opportunity for students majoring in any of our concentrations to complete their thesis in the context of a small seminar with other honors students. One of these honors courses may count toward the major.

**Student Involvement and Cultural Enrichment beyond the Classroom**

Numerous social and educational events hosted by the department, as well as by student clubs such as the German Club, provide an atmosphere for effective learning and for enjoying German and Slavic culture. There are weekly opportunities in German, Russian, and other languages for informal conversation suitable for both beginning and advanced students. The department periodically sponsors lectures, roundtables, small conferences, and film series for the various languages. Those considering an undergraduate major or minor should request to be added to the appropriate e-mail listserv, in order to ensure they receive information regarding special events and opportunities.

The department also hosts receptions and informational meetings for students interested in pursuing a major or minor, or for those seeking opportunities for internships, study abroad, graduate study, and employment in Germany, Russia, and Eastern or Central Europe. Every spring the department presents a Slovenian and East European talent night, or Spektakl, featuring skits, songs, puppet shows, plays, and poetry readings in the Slavic and East European languages students are learning. The department also presents full-length plays and dramatic readings in German performed by undergraduate students.

**Study Abroad**

The department encourages students to study and/or engage in internships abroad. These opportunities maximize students’ linguistic and cultural proficiency, particularly once they have acquired sufficient language skills to benefit most from this immersion experience. Students may participate for a whole year, a single term, or a summer.

The Study Abroad Office offers German programs at all universities in the German state of Baden-Württemberg, as well as a dedicated exchange program with the Eberhard-Karls-Universität Tübingen; the Freie University (FUBEX) in Berlin, and the University of Freiburg; at the Vienna (Austria) University of Economics and Business Administration; at the IES European Union and Environmental Programs in Freiburg (Germany); and at the IES Program (3 tracks) in Vienna. Most German programs require that participating students have passed GERM 204 (or its equivalent); however, students with no prior knowledge of German may attend the FUBIS or FU-BEST programs in Berlin or the IES program in Freiburg, or also the Baden-Württemberg exchange university of Mannheim which offers a number of courses in English. These programs generally include intensive language instruction in addition to content courses taught in English, and most programs offer an orientation course prior to the start of the semester. The yearlong term typically begins in late August and ends in late July, with a two-month vacation between semesters that many students use for travel. Students going abroad for only one term generally do so in the spring semester, which typically begins in late February and ends in late July.

The DAAD in conjunction with German universities usually offers some summer internships. Please see an undergraduate advisor in the department office about these opportunities.