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COLLEGE

Russian

The Russian program imparts in students the skills, knowledge and qualities necessary to communicate and interact in Russian-speaking cultures around the world.

Courses range from language and grammar to literature and film, and courses from around campus can be brought together for an area studies minor. All entering freshmen must receive language placement for languages with which they have prior experience to determine their beginning course level for that language.

Program Website

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Concentration Requirements

The majority of students who take Russian classes at W&J have no prior experience with the language, so everybody starts with a blank slate.

We learn the alphabet quickly, and by the time you have finished the second year, you are ready to study abroad in St. Petersburg.

Many students who have taken every single Russian class at W&J started with a passing interest; as long as you like intrigue and fun, you're a good fit for these classes.

The Russian Area Studies Concentration requires that students combine a total of four courses spread across the Modern Languages Department and other departments, including History and English.

W&J does not currently offer a major or minor in Russian.

Beyond the Classroom

Students have many opportunities for research, internships, conferences, and networking beyond the classroom that give them an advantage to prepare for life after W&J.

Careers

Speaking Russian allows you to stand out from the crowd on any job application; it is a critical language (defined by the U.S. State Department), so it also can mean a salary bump or preferential employment with certain government agencies.

Possible careers: teacher, journalist, diplomat, law enforcement, government agencies, international law, banking, patent attorney, international science researcher, translator, and more

Alumni Achievements

Recent graduates have continued on to study Russian in graduate school, live and work in Russia, and are pursuing graduate school in Russia.

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A full list of courses and descriptions can be found online in the College catalog.