B.A.
The Slavic and Central Asian Languages and Literatures unit offers study of the Russian, Polish, and Iranic and Turkic languages of Central Asia as well as literature and culture of the Slavic world and Central Asia. The unit offers a major and a minor in Russian language and literature.

Preparatory Coursework
Students take two years of college-level Russian language study (Russ 1101-1102—Beginning Russian, Russ 3001-3002—Intermediate Russian completed with a minimum grade of C-) or the equivalent.

Degree Requirements
Students must complete at least 120 credits to graduate, including at least 32 credits in the major.

Students must reach a level of advanced proficiency in Russian language and attain a thorough grounding in the history of Russian literature and modern Russian culture by taking required and elective courses as specified below. Students must submit a senior thesis showing familiarity with and use of Russian language sources.

Required Courses
Students must complete 30 credits of 3xxx or 5xxx courses beyond preparatory courses.

- Russ 3101 and 3102—Third-Year Russian
- Russ 3421—Literature: Middle Ages to Dostoevsky in Translation
- Russ 3422—Literature: Tolstoy to the Present in Translation
- Russ 3512—Russian Art and Culture from Peter I to the Present
- Four electives (totaling 12 credits) chosen from 3xxx or 5xxx Russian courses (excluding preparatory courses)
- Russ 3311—Russian Major Project

Minor Requirements
- Preparatory courses: Russ 1101, 1102
- Minor requirements: Russ 3001, 3002 and 6 additional credits in 3xxx-5xxx Russian courses, excluding preparatory courses

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 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, the CLA Link website, career courses and workshops, and a helpful staff are just some of the ways we can help.

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.

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
- filed a copy with your CLA student community
- be sure to keep a copy for yourself

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 Math Student Community
114 Johnston Hall
(612) 624-7540
http://langmath.cla.umn.edu
langmath@class.cla.umn.edu

or
CLA Martin Luther King, Jr. Program
19 Johnston Hall
(612) 625-2300
http://www.mlk.umn.edu/
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:
Students interested in graduating with honors should contact:
CLA Honors Division
115 Johnston Hall
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