Russian Studies Learning Outcomes

The undergraduate degree in Russian Studies emphasizes knowledge and understanding of:

- modern Russian and Soviet history and culture;
- the major Russian creative writers of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries;
- the dynamic relations between various kinds of cultural texts and their historical contexts; and
- the diversity and complexity of human thought and experience, as expressed in the similarities and differences between Russian- and English-speaking cultures.

Students completing a degree in Russian Studies are expected to acquire the ability and skills to:

- write and converse in Russian at the intermediate level as defined by the ACTFL guidelines;
- comprehend contemporary Russian, written and spoken, to a degree permitting the understanding of texts and ideas relevant to disciplines beyond language study;
- analyze complex texts through critical close reading and respond to them in literate English;
- apply basic critical methodologies to the study of Russian literature, history, and culture;
- engage in research in the field using primary and secondary sources; and
- generate original ideas and insights using knowledge of the Russian language and critical skills acquired through the study of Russian history and culture.