

Russian

Learning Goals for the Major

1. To be able to understand the main ideas and most details of face-to-face conversations, interviews, short lectures on familiar topics, and news items and reports primarily dealing with factual information.
2. To be able to read with understanding and follow the essential points in most texts and comprehend the essential information to make appropriate inferences, recognizing different uses of language and styles in a variety of texts, including literary.
3. To be able to speak in most social situations, narrate and describe in some detail, communicate facts, and speak casually about topics of current public and personal interest.
4. To be able to write about a variety of topics with sufficient precision.
5. To gain a basic knowledge of Russian history and culture, to read the most important classics of Russian literature, and to achieve a sufficient level of cultural competency to interact in contemporary Russian society.

About the Major

The Middlebury Russian Department is recognized around the world for excellence in language instruction. All members of the department are dedicated to teaching language at every level. But they are also specialists in literature, film, culture, and literary translation. Courses are taught both in English and in Russian.

For example, a recent winter term course, *Performing Chekhov*, included two one-act plays, "The Proposal" in the original Russian, and "The Bear" in English translation, so that Russian-speaking and non-Russian-speaking students could enjoy the course together.

Small class sizes and a talented faculty make it possible for students to graduate from Middlebury with a higher level of proficiency than many graduate students. Most students return from Russia and take a seminar conducted entirely in Russian. Recent senior seminar topics have included the history of Russian poetry, Pushkin, the Russian media, Nabokov, and Bulgakov.

"Russian Language and Literature may not seem relevant to financial analysis, but Middlebury's program (both on campus & abroad), cultivated the listening skills, persistence and confidence that I rely upon daily."

*—Patrick Ford '10
Director, Glen Capital Partners*

Reasons you might choose this major

- You are interested in learning about a culture and language of one of the historical crossroads of Europe and Asia.
- You want to learn one of the world's most widely spoken languages, a language that has given the world some of its greatest thinkers, artists, writers, and scientists.
- You want a competitive edge in an ever-growing international market, where Russia is a regional powerhouse and the need for Russian speakers continues to increase.
- You want to be able to read and write in Cyrillic.



Translating Learning into Professional Competencies

Throughout your time at Middlebury, you will develop and enhance the following core professional competencies, skills, and dispositions highly valued by employers that will prepare you for leadership and success in any given field:

Critical Thinking: Exercise sound reasoning to analyze issues, make decisions, and overcome problems.

Oral/Written Communications: Articulate thoughts and ideas clearly and effectively in written and oral forms.

Teamwork/Collaboration: Build collaborative relationships with colleagues and customers from diverse backgrounds.

Leadership: Leverage the strengths of others to achieve common goals, and use interpersonal skills to coach and develop others.

Professionalism/Work Ethic: Demonstrate personal accountability and effective work habits.

Global/Intercultural Fluency: Value, respect, and learn from diverse cultures, races, ages, genders, sexual orientations, and religions.

Digital Technology: Leverage existing digital technologies ethically and efficiently to solve problems, complete tasks, and accomplish goals.

Career Management: Identify and articulate one's skills, strengths, knowledge, and experiences relevant to career goals, and identify areas necessary for professional development.

Where Russian majors go.

Applying your learning through internships . . .

Students pursue internships and research in a variety of fields, enabling them to apply their liberal arts learning in real-world settings. Internships, research, and self-directed projects enrich your academic experience and help prepare you for life after Middlebury. Students of foreign languages, literatures, and cultures have interned or done research at:

Russian American Foundation	McLean Hospital
Haddon, Morgan, and Foreman P.C.	EverTrue
Tian Shian Policy Center	World Teach
The Moscow Institute of Modern Art	Thinking Beyond Borders
J.P. Morgan Chase	City Hall of New York City
The Foundation Center	U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom
U.S. Department of Education	The James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies
Hawk Partners	
Inter-American Development Bank	

. . . leading to meaningful, dynamic, and engaging career paths.

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U.S. Embassy in Moscow, <i>Energy Attaché</i>	U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, <i>Chief, National Security Law Section</i>
U.S. Department of Defense, <i>Nunn-Lugar Fellow, Threat Reduction and Arms Control</i>	Redpoint Resolutions, <i>Director of Communications</i>
Amsted Rail Russia, <i>Deputy Head of Representation in Ukraine</i>	Momentum Recycling LLC, <i>Founder/Co-owner</i>
Conservation Law Foundation, <i>President</i>	Multicultural Association of Medical Interpreters (MAMI), <i>Russian Interpreter</i>
Bloomberg News (Moscow), <i>Economy Reporter</i>	Government of Canada, <i>Sr. Policy Advisor/Indian & Northern Affairs</i>
Library of Congress, <i>Science Information Specialist</i>	Pan Atlantic SMS Group, <i>Senior Program Manager & Alternate Responsible Officer</i>
Moody's Investor Services, <i>VP, Higher Education & Not-for-Profits</i>	Caterpillar, <i>Managing Director—Asia Pacific</i>
Deloitte Consulting, <i>Manager</i>	Deltak Systems, <i>VP/ Financial Planning and Analysis</i>
Citigroup, <i>Director, Asia Pacific</i>	Vermont Department of Public Service <i>Telecommunications Infrastructure Specialist</i>
Institute for Defense Analysis, <i>Research Analyst</i>	American Express, <i>Director, Online Travel Customer Experience</i>
Russia! Magazine, <i>Executive Editor</i>	Salzburg Global Seminar, <i>European Development Director</i>
The Eurasia Foundation, <i>Sr. Program Officer</i>	U.S. Dept of Commerce, <i>General Attorney (International)</i>
U.S. Department of State, <i>Vice Consul/ U.S. Consulate St. Petersburg</i>	
Jawbone, <i>Director of Content Design</i>	
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