# **MINOR IN RUSSIAN STUDIES**

The Russian Studies Minor at San Francisco State University offers an interdisciplinary approach to the study of the Russian language and to the cultures and politics of Russia and the Republics of the former Soviet Union. Spoken by over 166 million people in over a dozen countries spanning Europe, Central- and East Asia, Russian is one of the world's major languages. It is also considered a 'Strategic Language' by the US Government. The Russian Studies Minor combines instruction in Russian language with classes in culture, politics, and history and exposes students to the diverse cultural practices and political developments in today's Russia and Russian speaking communities.

## **Program Learning Outcomes**

- a. Demonstrate at least novice-high fluency in Russian in speaking, listening, reading and writing.
- b. Manifest understanding of and sensitivity to diverse cultural practices that can be found in Russian speaking communities.
- c. <u>Manifest understanding of historical and political developments that</u> have shaped Russian speaking communities.
- d. Articulate various aspects of culture, politics, and/or history of Russian-speaking communities in English writing and speech and demonstrate presentation/ communication skills.

#### **Russian Studies Minor - 14 units minimum**

All course work used to satisfy the requirements of the minor must be completed with a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

A minimum of 6 upper-division units are required to complete the minor.

#### **Lower-Division Requirements (8 units)**

Code	Title	Units
RUSS 101	First Semester Russian	4
RUSS 102	Second Semester Russian	4

### **Upper-Division Requirements (6-8 units)**

Select Two:

Code	Title	Units
CINE 373	Film and Society	3
HUM 373	Biography of a City: European Cities	3
IR 303	Post-Western World: Political, Economic, and Cultural Challenges	1
IR 460/HIST 430	Rising Powers	4
JS/CWL 480	European Jewish Writers	3
MLL 325	Linguistics for Foreign Languages	3
MLL 400GW	Reading and Analysis of Cultural Texts - GWAR	3
PLSI/I R 407	Politics of Russia	4
PLSI/I R 409	Russia and World Order	4
RUSS 306	Advanced Conversation and Composition	3

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