

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND HUMAN SCIENCES
MINOR IN RUSSIAN AREA STUDIES (RAS)
CHECKSHEET FOR STUDENTS GRADUATING IN THE CALENDAR YEAR OF 2020

The Minor in Russian Area Studies (RAS) requires the completion of a minimum of 18 semester hours, distributed as below, including a capstone research project (Senior Essay), which must be submitted to the coordinator of the minor upon completion.

1. RUSSIAN HISTORY (9 credits, all required):

_____ HIST 3604 Russia to Peter the Great	3 hours
_____ HIST 3614 Imperial Russia	3 hours
_____ HIST 3644 Twentieth-Century Russia	3 hours

2. RUSSIAN POLITICS (3 credits, choose one of the following):

_____ PSCI 3524 Politics of Post-Communist Systems (Pre-req. PSCI 1024)	3 hours
OR	
_____ PSCI 3626/IS 3626 US-Russia Foreign Policies (Pre-req. PSCI 1024)	3 hours
OR	
_____ PSCI 5424/GIA 5424 Communist and Post-Communist Systems (Pre-req. for undergraduates: Permission of instructor)	3 hours

3. RUSSIAN LITERATURE AND CULTURE (3 credits, choose one of the following):

_____ RUS 2734 Introduction to Russian Culture and Civilization	3 hours
OR	
_____ RUS/ENGL 3424 Russian Literature in English (Pre-req. One 2000-level English Literature Course)	3 hours
OR	
_____ HIST 3684 Cultural History of the Soviet Union and the Successor States	3 hours

4. CAPSTONE RESEARCH PROJECT IN RUSSIAN AREA STUDIES (3 credits, required)

_____ RUS, PSCI, or HIST 4974 (Independent Study)	3 hours
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Capstone research projects include but are not limited to: 20-page thesis, video or audio documentary, web site or other digital project. A public presentation or publication of the capstone research is recommended. Projects should use Russian sources whenever possible.

The required GPA for the minor is 2.0. All courses taken from the list of approved Russian studies courses count in the computation of the minor GPA.

Some courses listed on this checksheet may have prerequisites, please consult the University Course Catalog, or check with your advisor.

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