

# Russian and East European Studies Program

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The goal of the Russian and East European studies minor is to provide students with an understanding of the political, social, economic, and cultural forces that characterize this region. The minor requires a broad, cross-disciplinary approach with the intention of imparting to the student an appreciation of the unique qualities of the region. This minor is not designed to encourage concentration on a single country or culture, but it may prepare the student for such an endeavor in future studies.

A key requirement of this minor is the completion of a semester of Bradley-directed study abroad in either Russia or the Central or East European region. Bradley offers various programs to these destinations. The student should see the Study Abroad Office, 325 Caterpillar Global Communications Center, for a current listing. The study abroad requirement is a key element of the minor due to the special cultural, social, and linguistic character of the region. A firm understanding of the region is broadly enhanced by firsthand experience.

## Minor in Russian and East European Studies

### Curriculum and Requirements

Students are required to complete an appropriate program of study abroad experience approved by the faculty coordinating committee and designated as "Bradley directed" by the Study Abroad Office.

Prior to study abroad, students must meet the requirements of the selected study abroad program. These requirements vary from program to program and over time. The student should inquire at the Study Abroad Office for specific requirements.

Students shall choose courses (see list) and study abroad, in consultation with an advisor for this minor, that deal with history, politics, arts, etc. specific to the culture of the societies of Eastern Europe and Russia.

At least 18 semester hours are required for this minor, including a minimum of 9 junior-senior hours to be completed in approved study abroad courses that deal with the social, economic, and cultural aspects of the area, and

a minimum of 6 hours to be completed in residence at Bradley. With the exception of language courses, all courses taken in any of the designated study abroad programs will transfer back to Bradley at the junior-senior level. The transfer of all study abroad credits is governed by Bradley study abroad guidelines.

Course hours toward the minor can be taken from the following approved list:

- ECO 345 Comparative Economic Systems
- HIS 103 Non-Western Civilizations: Russian History
- HIS 338 Russia Since 1917
- IS 331 European Nations in International Affairs
- IS 353 Russian Foreign Policy
- IS 355 Imperial Russia
- IS 359 Russo-Chinese Relations
- IS 431 East European Systems