

B.A. IN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES WITH ELECTIVE CERTIFICATION - RUSSIAN CONCENTRATION

Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (https://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)		
Academic Foundations		
	First Year Experience requirement	4
	English Composition requirement	6-7
	Mathematics requirement	3-4
	Interdisciplinary requirement	3
	Diverse Communities requirement	3
	Ethics requirement	3
Distributed Disciplinary Foundations		
	Science requirement	6-8
	Behavioral & Social Science requirement	6
	Humanities requirement	6
	Arts requirement	3
ADDITIONAL BACCALAUREATE REQUIREMENTS (https://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)		
University Requirements		
	Writing Emphasis requirement	9
	Speaking Emphasis requirement	9
Degree Requirements		
	Capstone requirement	1-15
MAJOR REQUIREMENTS		
Major Language Courses ¹		
Tier 1: Language Skills		
RUS 101	Elementary Russian I ²	3
RUS 102	Elementary Russian II ²	3
RUS 201	Intermediate Russian I ³	3
RUS 202	Intermediate Russian II ³	3
Tier 2: Proficiency		
	Select one 6-credit course sequence:	6
RUS 301 & RUS 407	Advanced Grammar and Composition I and Advanced Oral Russian I	
RUS 302 & RUS 408	Advanced Grammar and Composition II and Advanced Oral Russian II	
Tier 3: Competency Content ⁴		
	Select one course from each of the following groups:	
	Literary Analysis	3
RUS 303	Advanced Readings in Russian Literature	
	Cultural Analysis	3
RUS 305	Russian Civilization I	
	Language and Linguistics	3
RUS 412	Seminar in Russian	
Immersion Experience ⁵		

Immersion study and/or internship work is an essential component of the B.A.L.C. curriculum. Languages and cultures are inextricably entwined. The goal of the immersion experience, which is a requirement for graduation, is to enable students to apply linguistic and cultural knowledge in an authentic social context, and for them to experience the challenges and the gratification of living in another culture.

Capstone Requirement

Select one of the following: 3

RUS 401 The Russian Novel⁶

RUS 402 The Russian Drama⁶

RUS 410 Independent Studies in Russian Language⁶

RUS 411 Seminar in Russian⁶

Pennsylvania certification in languages K-12⁷

Effective August 2013 students must complete professional education sequence of the following:

EDA 103 Foundations of Special Education 3

EDP 250 Educational Psychology 3

LAN 355 Technology and Language Learning 3

ERM 355 Ethical and Effective Assessment for Learning 7-12 3

EDP 349 Adolescent Development 3
or PSY 382 Infant, Child and Adolescent Development

EDR 347 Literacy Development and Secondary Students with Disabilities in Inclusive Classrooms 3

Following Teacher Candidacy

EDA 304 Special Ed Processes/Procedures for Secondary Educators 3

EDS 306 3

LAN 401 Teaching of Modern Languages: K - 12 3

SED 411 Student Teaching Sec - 1st Half 12
& SED 412 and Student Teaching Sec - 2nd Half

PDE Prerequisites and Requirement for Program

LAN 327 Introduction to Linguistics for Language 3

or LIN/ENG 230 Introduction to Linguistics

LNC 368 Comparative Cultural Studies 3

Second Mathematics Course 3

Total Minimum Credits Required 123

¹ Minimum grade of C required in all courses.

² Students may substitute RUS 103 for RUS 101 and RUS 102.

³ Students may substitute RUS 203 for RUS 201 and RUS 202.

⁴ Students may substitute 400-level courses in Tier 3.

⁵ See the department chairperson and student handbook for options.

⁶ This course fulfills the Capstone requirement.

⁷ • **PAPA:** Undergraduate foreign language students seeking initial certification must take the PAPA (formerly PPST) series of basic skills tests *unless they have met SAT/ACT passing criteria set by the PA Department of Education*. For more information about this option or registering for the PAPA* tests, click here (http://www.wcupa.edu/_academics/coe/basicSkills.aspx).

*Basic skills

8001- PAPA Module 1: Reading

8002- PAPA Module 2: Mathematics

8003- PAPA Module 3: Writing

- **Teacher Candidacy:** Please refer to the complete Teacher Candidacy Policy (<https://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/education-social-work/educator-preparation-programs/>)
- **Praxis II Exams.** There are two Praxis II exams:
 - **Praxis II Fundamental Subjects:** Content Knowledge (#0511/5511)
The Fundamental Subjects (#0511/5511) Praxis II is a PDE requirement for all K-12 certification students in the state and, therefore, must be taken and passed in order to be recommended for certification. This exam is to be taken by world languages certification students prior to enrollment in SED 411/SED 412.
 - **Praxis II World Languages** tests are no longer a requirement for program completion. Effective Spring 2013, language certification majors will need to take the ACTFL/LTI (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages/ Language Testing International) Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) and the Writing Proficiency Test (WPT).
Students failing to achieve either IH or AL will be permitted to complete the BA without certification in their language of specialization.
- For certification-track students in French, German, Russian, and Spanish, the Department of Languages and Cultures will delete the requirement of AL (advanced low) on ACTFL OPI and WPT exams as a prerequisite for entrance into SED 411/SED 412.

For national recognition, the Department of Languages and Cultures, along with ACTFL and CAEP (formerly NCATE), requires OPI and WPT testing with the expected achievement of Advanced Low (AL). The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) requires teacher candidates score Intermediate High (IH) on the ACTFL OPI and WPT; consequently, those student who reach IH or AL on the OPI and WPT are recommended in PDE's Teacher Information Management System (TIMS) for K-12 certification by the College of Education. Students enhance their career options and competitiveness in the job market by achieving AL. The Department of Languages and Cultures recognizes that school districts are looking for candidates who meet the ACTFL requirement of AL on the WPT and OPI. Therefore, for those teacher candidates who do not reach AL on the OPI or the WPT, we create remedial plans informed by a candidate's OPI or WPT diagnostic feedback acquired from ACTFL/LTI.

See the Teacher Certification Programs (<https://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/education-social-work/educator-preparation-programs/>) section of this catalog for an explanation of related requirements.