Meet with your advisor early on in the planning process in order to discuss the proper procedure.

Courses taken at an institution other than the University of Kentucky should be evaluated by the appropriate UK department program requirements.

Are you concerned about how to transfer credits from courses taken abroad?

For more information, visit https://mcl.as.uky.edu/russian
cynthia.ruder@uky.edu.

Questions about these requirements should be directed to Dr. Cynthia Ruder, Russian Studies Advisor for the Russian Studies program.

All students majoring in Russian Studies are required to take:

- 12 credit hours of Russian language courses above the 200 level
- 15 credit hours of instruction related to Russian literature, history and culture
- 6 credit hours of related language and culture courses within the Russian Studies program
- 9 credit hours of elective courses on Russian studies outside the Russian Studies program

Through education abroad, students can earn credit hours that count toward the language, literature and culture courses, as well as the 15 hours of electives.

Certificate of Global Studies

Document your preparedness to live and work in a global community with the Certificate of Global Studies.

For more information, please visit uky.edu/EGE/Certificates/GLOBAL/.

Education Abroad Programs for Students of Russian Studies

UK Education Abroad offers a variety of programs that allow you to study Russian Studies in an international setting. Immerse yourself in another culture, expand your knowledge of Russia, and explore what the world has to offer with any one of the exciting opportunities available to you!

Why study abroad?

Education abroad can help you…

- Experience the Russian language first-hand
- Globalize your world view
- Expand your intercultural understanding and problem-solving skills
- Prepare to work in an increasingly diverse and international workplace
- Gain new insight into the world and yourself
- Increase your language skills

As a student of Russian Studies, the best way to increase your knowledge is to immerse yourself in various environments where the Russian language is spoken. There is no substitute for the experience that a semester, year, summer, or winter abroad will give you.

Do I have to speak a foreign language to study abroad?

Absolutely not. There are plenty of Russian programs in English-speaking countries. Furthermore, students can find Russian classes taught in English in practically every country. Of course, there are also plenty of excellent programs for students who prefer to study Russian in a contemporary setting.

Where can I study abroad?

There are many opportunities to study Russian in Russia and other countries in Europe! From metropolitan Poland to the spacious landscapes across Russia, UK offers a wide array of programs that allow students to study Russian in a variety of different settings.

What can I afford to study abroad?

The Education Abroad office offers scholarships for students interested in studying abroad. These scholarships range from $500-$1,500. Stop by one of the information sessions on scholarships or visit the Education Abroad website for more information.

Additionally, most UK financial aid applies towards the cost of studying abroad! Check with your financial aid advisor for more information.

Finally, please note that there are several education abroad programs that are comparable to the cost of attending UK. So, with a little bit of planning, if you can afford to attend UK, you can afford to study abroad.

What are my next steps?

Attend a First Step Session.

Find out what you can study abroad and where, and ask questions about the application process, financial aid and scholarships, etc. First Step Sessions are held on Mondays and Tuesdays from 3-4p.m. and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3-4p.m. in 207 Bradley Hall.

Explore the programs available.

Search online or visit the Education Abroad Resource Center in 315 Bradley Hall.

Talk to an Education Abroad advisor.

Each UK Education Abroad advisor has expertise in specific majors and geographic regions. Check the website and make an appointment with the advisor who is an expert on the programs in which you are interested.

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Students interested in participating in a Russian Studies program abroad should consider applying for this scholarship, which is granted on a rolling basis. Funds from the scholarship may be applied to any approved program on this MAP, or toward airfare. The minimum award is $500. For more information, or to apply, contact the Russian Studies Advisor, Cynthia Ruder, at cynthia.ruder@uky.edu.

How do I choose the education abroad program that is right for me?

For competency level of language course offerings in each program, refer to the key below. Each program is noted with the appropriate symbol to the left of the program title:

- Beginning—1st Year
- Intermediate—2nd Year
- Advanced—3rd Year to Immersion

Also to get started, it is important to consider the type of program you would like to attend, descriptions of which are above. Consider the following important questions:

When can I study abroad?
- You can study abroad for an entire academic year, during the fall or spring semesters, winter intersession or over the summer.

Where will I live?
- Most programs provide accommodation for students in residence halls and foreign student dormitories. Some programs, particularly ones that focus on language immersion provide the option of living with a local family.

Will I earn credits while abroad?
- Yes! Earn credits towards your major abroad, or get some electives out of the way. Please check with your Director of Undergraduate Studies to make sure specific courses will count towards your major.

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Because many foreign institutions follow different academic calendars, it is important for students to consider the specific dates of the program far in advance. For example, many “fall” semester programs in the Southern Hemisphere may run from July to November and from February to June during the American spring semester.

Similarly, it may be difficult for students to study at some European institutions for the fall semester. Final exams may be scheduled in early January, and many programs do not make allowances for US students. Please be sure you consider this issue in advance.

Many students choose to study abroad during the Summer or Winter sessions. There are two summer sessions available: Summer I and Summer II. Summer I programs typically occur during May and early June, while Summer II programs tend to start late in the summer and end in late July or early August. The Winter Intersession occurs between the fall and spring semesters.

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