University of Wisconsin-Madison Russian Flagship Program
Student Acceptance Form
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The University of Wisconsin-Madison Russian Flagship Program provides undergraduate students with a rigorous, flexible curriculum designed to enable students of all majors and at all levels of prior proficiency in Russian to meet the requirements of their major field of study and achieve a Superior level of proficiency in Russian by graduation. The program consists of both domestic and overseas requirements:

DOMESTIC REQUIREMENTS (UW-MADISON)

Students admitted to the Russian Flagship Program work with an advisor on an individualized study plan for meeting these requirements. Those students who cannot follow the established curriculum in the recommended sequence will commit to summer study, in order to bring their proficiency level up to target levels for each year in the program.

1. Prerequisites

   • First through Fourth Year Russian, or the equivalent: Slavic 101, 102, 203, 204, 275, 276, 315, 316, 321, 322

2. Required Courses

   • Slavic 433: History of Russian Culture, 3 credits
   • Slavic 434: Contemporary Russian Culture, 3 credits
   • Slavic 699: Russian Across the Curriculum tutorial, 1 credit
   • One of the following courses:
     o Slavic 560: Capstone Seminar in Russian Literature and Culture, 3 credits
     o Slavic 705: Special Topics in Russian Language/Linguistics, 3 credits
     o Research Seminar, 3 credits throughout the course of advanced study (new course, pending approval)

Note: Regardless of when students meet these requirements, all admitted students are required to enroll in a minimum of 3 credits per semester (3 contact hours per week) of Russian language coursework throughout their course of study at UW-Madison.

3. Tutoring

   • 1-4 hours per week of small-group or individualized tutoring

4. Required Co- and Extracurricular Activities

   • Social Hour and/or Russian Tea for Russian Flagship students, at least 10 per semester
   • Workshops, lectures, and films in Russian, organized for Russian Flagship students

5. Optional Co- and Extracurricular Activities

   • Russian House (Русский дом) in the International Learning Community
   • Russian Student Association
   • Russian table, and other on-campus and community events
OVERSEAS REQUIREMENTS

• Minimum of six weeks of prior study abroad in an intensive Russian-language program at the secondary or post-secondary level
• Academic yearlong Russian Overseas Flagship Capstone Program

Please note, the University may modify or cancel study abroad programs at any time and for any reason, with or without notice. A reason for modification or cancellation includes, but is not limited to, unacceptable safety risk.

TUTORING

Tutoring is a critical component of the Russian Flagship Program that provides students with 1-4 hours per week of extra practice and focused, small-group or individualized attention as they progress through the program and work to meet proficiency goals. Russian Flagship advisors determine general areas of focus for tutoring (e.g. academic writing, conversation); students decide with their tutors how best to organize the tutoring sessions, based on these general areas of focus, and on each student’s interests and needs.

Students meet with their tutors for 1-4 class hours (50 minutes) each week, at a mutually convenient time. Students are responsible for coming prepared to tutoring sessions with ideas for topics to discuss or aspects of Russian language to practice. Tutoring sessions are primarily driven by the student; they are not independent study or formalized courses for which tutors will prepare lesson plans.

Students must give their tutors 24 hours written (e-mail) notice if they need to reschedule a tutoring session in a given week. In case of emergency, or on less than 24 hours notice, students must contact both their tutor and the Russian Flagship Program Coordinator. When possible, make-ups for missed tutoring should be rescheduled for the same week.

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS

Russian Flagship students work with an advisor on an individualized study plan for meeting Russian Flagship domestic and overseas requirements. Those students who are not able to follow the established curriculum in the recommended sequence commit to summer study, in order to bring their proficiency level up to target levels for each year in the program.

To make satisfactory progress, students must:

• Meet proficiency benchmarks and complete course requirements, as specified in their individualized study plan;
• Maintain a GPA of 3.5 in Russian courses, and cumulative GPA of 3.0;
• Enroll in at least 3 cr. of Russian each semester;
• Participate in 1-4 hours of tutoring, following program policies and tutoring guidelines;
• Actively participate in Russian Flagship Social Hour and other programming for Russian Flagship students;
• Participate in Russian Flagship assessments.

Students who are not making satisfactory progress will be notified first orally, then, if necessary, in writing. Students who receive a written notice may be placed on probation. Students on probation must meet the terms of the probation to remain a student in the Russian Flagship Program.

LANGUAGE FLAGSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS

Russian Flagship students who are making satisfactory progress, and who have completed profiles in the Flagship Student Certification System, are eligible to apply for Language Flagship scholarships to support 1) overseas study of Russian during the academic year on the Russian Overseas Flagship Capstone Program and during the summer; and 2) summer intensive study of Russian in the United States. Language Flagship scholarships may be used for study at designated programs only.
Funding for the scholarships is from The Language Flagship in the National Security Education Program in the U.S. Department of Defense. U.S. citizens or permanent residents are eligible. Students wishing to be considered for Language Flagship scholarships must apply for other sources of financial aid as well.

Contracted ROTC cadets who have signed a contract with ROTC are eligible to receive Language Flagship scholarship funds to cover all costs associated with participating in these same activities.

STUDENT CERTIFICATION SYSTEM

Funding for Language Flagship scholarships is limited, based upon the amount that the UW-Madison receives in a given year to support Language Flagship scholarships, and on the number of eligible students who apply. Russian Flagship students are required to create and maintain a profile in the Student Certification System, the database used by the National Security Education Program, in order to be eligible for Language Flagship scholarships. Students must keep their information in the Student Certification System up-to-date.
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STUDENT AGREEMENT

I acknowledge receipt and understanding of the requirements of the UW-Madison Russian Flagship Program. As a Russian Flagship Scholar, I commit to working to the best of my ability to achieve a Superior level of proficiency in Russian.

I understand that the University is required by the terms of the grant that funds the Russian Flagship Program to verify that I am not prohibited by U.S. law from receiving grant funding.

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The Russian Flagship Program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison is a collaborative initiative of the Department of Slavic Languages and Literature and the Language Institute, with the Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia and the Doctoral Program.