

# Russian and Eurasian Studies

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Russian and Eurasian studies is an interdisciplinary degree program designed for students interested in the regions of Russia and Eurasia, an area of rapidly growing, strategic importance to the United States and the rest of the world.

As a Russian and Eurasian studies major, you will take courses with outstanding professors who are recognized experts in their fields. You will have access to an intensive Russian language concentration or a concentration in either Russia or Eurasia's history, culture, literature, and politics. Through the program, you will learn about the region's past and better understand its impact on the world today. You may choose to spend a summer or semester abroad in Moscow or St. Petersburg.

A major in Russian and Eurasian studies prepares you for a wide range of careers in the private sector, government, and education. Many graduates continue their education in graduate school or law school. They are employed in U.S. firms that sell goods and services to Russia and Eurasian countries, in technology companies, in environmental organizations, and in many agencies of the U.S. government.

*Looking back at my college experience, I have no fonder memories than those associated with [my] program at Mason. The program was more than just Russian language; it was also the history, culture, society, and politics of the Russian world. The bonds I formed at Mason are just as solid today as when I entered the university.*

-JASON SMART, '07

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## WHY MASON?

The resources provided by the U.S. Department of State, the Library of Congress, and the Russian Embassy are just three reasons why Mason is an ideal place for Russian and Eurasian studies. Located just minutes from Washington, D.C., we offer you more affordable access to learning and career opportunities than any other university in the region.

You can interact with government experts, diplomats, and scholars visiting the D.C. area who lecture on campus. You can meet students who share your interest in Russia and Eurasia through the activities of an active Russian Club.





## UNLIMITED OPPORTUNITIES

Take advantage of internships, research experiences, and great study abroad opportunities to maximize the value of your time at Mason.

- **Jason Smart, '07**, was the recipient of the prestigious David Boren NSEP Scholarship and spent a year studying advanced Russian in Vladimir, Russia. He then held a research assistantship at the Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies.
- **Andrew Day, '09**, received a Critical Languages Scholarship from the U.S. Department of State to study Russian at the University of Nizhny Novgorod, Russia. He did an internship at the Nixon Center in Washington, D.C., conducting research on Russian-American relations.
- **Jessica Jackson, '07**, interned at the U.S. Civilian Research and Development Foundation and had a research assistantship at the Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies.

Other students have interned at the American Councils for International Education, the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Department of Commerce, the Library of Congress, Central Intelligence Agency, the Fund for Democracy and Development, and the American Bar Association.

## ENHANCE YOUR MAJOR

Put your electives to good use by choosing a minor that extends your areas of expertise and increases your marketability. Most minors require only three or four courses beyond the major. As a Russian and Eurasian studies major, you might consider a minor in:

- Anthropology
- History
- International/Comparative Studies
- Islamic Studies
- Public Policy and Management
- Sociology



## EXCITING CAREERS

- **Marc Kokowski, '03**, works with the U.S. Civilian Research and Development Foundation and has traveled to Kyrgyzstan and Moldova to conduct financial audits for grants awarded by the foundation.
- **Kenneth Guy, '02**, received an MA in Russian and East European Studies from Indiana University and is a consular officer at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow.
- **Tom Jordon, '05**, is an instructor at the Defense Language Institute and pursuing a MA in International Policy/Non-Proliferation at the Monterey Institute of International Studies.

Other majors have attended graduate and law school at universities such as Georgetown, Columbia, New York, and the University of Chicago. They are research and intelligence analysts, translators and interpreters, foreign service officers, lawyers, college professors, and secondary school teachers.