



Requirements for the Concurrent BA/MA Degree in Russian Studies

Highly motivated undergraduates majoring in Russian studies at CU-Boulder have the opportunity to enter a BA/MA program, thereby earning both the BA and the MA in five years. The concurrent degree program offers a unique academic credential designed to produce skilled graduates for a variety of occupations.

In most cases, students must make written application no later than April 1 of the sophomore year. Applications to the program from students with junior standing will be also considered on a case-to-case basis. An overall 3.0 GPA and 3.25 or higher for all Russian studies courses is required, as well as two letters of recommendation indicating strong potential for advanced, intensive work in Russian. No GRE is required. Only CU-Boulder students may apply. Applications can be obtained online at <http://www.colorado.edu/gsll/russian/undergraduate/concurrent-bama-degree-russian-studies> or in the Germanic and Slavic office, McKenna 129.

BA/MA students are expected to take graduate courses in the fourth and fifth years only. Students should have completed most of their MAPS/Core requirements by the end of the sophomore year. For specific requirements please contact the department or see <http://www.colorado.edu/gsll/russian/undergraduate/concurrent-bama-degree-russian-studies>. For more information email gsll@colorado.edu.

Note: Any BA/MA student with 130 hours or more will be changed to graduate status (graduate tuition may be higher). This may affect any financial aid you receive.

Concurrent BA/MA Requirements

The concurrent BA/MA degree in Russian Studies requires 58 hours of coursework (with grades of 3.0 or above in all degree courses). Students who test out of RUSS 2020 are required to complete only 57 credit hours. Students are mentored by the undergraduate advisor in consultation with the graduate director.

I. Undergraduate Courses

Students complete requirements for the major in Russian studies. Six 3000/4000 hours taken for the Russian BA may be counted toward the Russian MA.

_____	Overlap course (3 credit hours)
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Graduate Courses

- RUSS 5110, Slavic Culture and Society, 3 credits (required)
- RUSS 5120, Post-Soviet Politics and Culture, 3 credits (required)
- RUSS 5010, Advanced Russian Seminar 1, 4 credits (required*)
- RUSS 5020, Advanced Russian Seminar 2, 4 credits (required*)

*Native speakers are exempt from RUSS 5010 and 5020 – see the Associate Chair of Graduate Studies for replacement courses.

Pick either thesis or non-thesis option. To ensure timely completion of MA coursework, students are advised to pursue the non-thesis option; consent of both the undergraduate advisor and graduate director is required to take the thesis option.

Non-thesis option

In addition to graduate courses listed above, a student has to take any **four*** 5000-level Russian courses, or any 5000-level course(s) from another department (such as history, political science, or geography) for which the student has consent of the graduate director.

*Students with native Russian competence will be exempt from RUSS 5010 and 5020 and would need to take **six** 5000-level classes.

Thesis option

In addition to the graduate courses listed above, a student has to take any **three*** 5000-level Russian courses, or any 5000-level course(s) from another department (such as history, political science, or geography)) for which the student has consent of the graduate director.

While working on the thesis during the last semester, a student should register for RUSS 6900, Master's Thesis (4 hours) with her/his thesis adviser.

*Students with native Russian competence will be exempt from RUSS 5010 and 5020 and would need to take **five** 5000-level classes.

Examinations

The language proficiency exam is required of all BA/MA students. Students generally take this exam at the beginning of their final semester (see the Russian MA Handbook, <http://www.colorado.edu/gsl/graduate>, for details on this exam).

Non-thesis students will complete a written comprehensive exam followed by an oral final exam defense in their final semester. Students should follow the guidelines for the non-thesis option for Russian MA students in the Russian MA Handbook.

Students pursuing the thesis option should schedule their thesis defense during their final semester, and should follow the guidelines for the thesis option for Russian MA students in the Russian MA Handbook.

For more information on the BA/MA in Russian, contact the Graduate Faculty Advisor or contact the Program Assistant, Karen Hawley (karen.hawley@colorado.edu, (303) 492-3529, McKenna 129).