



RUSSIAN STUDIES

» What comes to mind when you think of Russia? Stately cathedrals topped with onion-shaped, golden domes? Intricately painted nesting dolls? Or is it something more complex, such as novels by Nabokov or a diverse population undergoing a thorny transition from socialism to capitalism? Whatever the notion, you don't have to look far to understand that Russia - the largest country in the world, spanning both Asia and Europe - is one of the dominant players in global politics and commerce, with far-reaching influence in culture and science. And that status will only continue to grow.

At the College of Charleston, we treat Russian studies as more than a language. Our program includes courses that address the full spectrum, from literature to history to political science, business, art history, philosophy and media. Students in this program not only develop proficiency in the language, they cultivate a vital awareness of Russia's varied culture, its complex politics and its multifaceted economy.

"My interest in Russian was initially sort of random. Languages weren't really my strong suit, but the Russian studies professors were incredibly helpful. With their encouragement, I ended up going abroad to spend a year in St. Petersburg on full scholarship.

Now, I hope one day to work in Eastern Europe or Russia."

- Hart Moede '10

In addition to four levels of Russian language, we also offer such courses as:

- » Russian Literature and Culture
- » Business Russian and Russian for the Mass Media
- » Russian History and Politics

Classes like those not only enhance your knowledge, they can extend it well beyond language and the traditional aspects of culture.

One of the objectives of our program is to provide a strong understanding of the unique relationship between Russia and the U.S. in the aftermath of the Cold War. That means foreign policy and international relations are involved, but equally important to this understanding are the areas of commerce, history, literature and art.

Russia remains one of the world's most intriguing nations - a country with ancient roots that is reinventing itself in the contemporary world. If you want to learn more about a nation six times the size of the U.S. with roughly half as many citizens, check out the Russian Studies Program at the College of Charleston.