Russia, St. Petersburg/Moscow/Vladimir
Kazakhstan, Almaty
American Councils for International Education (ACTR)
IAP Academic Notes – Semester and Academic Year

Please refer to your IAP Study Abroad Handbook for a complete list of UW policies. These academic notes supply additional information specific to your program.

American Councils – RLASP: http://www.acrussiaabroad.org/?action=program&prog=RLASP

The Academic Program
Your program is offered by International Academic Programs (IAP) at UW-Madison in partnership with American Councils for International Education (ACTR), a non-profit educational association and academic exchange organization. ACTR allows you to take courses at four program locations: Moscow International University, Herzen University in St. Petersburg, or Vladimir’s KORA Center for Russian Language Study. The fourth ACTR site is at Al-Farabi Kazakh National University in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

Courses and Registration; Slavic Languages and Literature Department-Specific Information
Each course you take abroad must be assigned a UW-Madison “equivalent” course before your grades and credits are recorded on your UW-Madison transcript. The Department of Slavic Languages and Literature has established pre-approved equivalents for the courses taken while on the Russia-ACTR program as it is essential for Russian majors to receive certain equivalents in order to progress within the major. If you are not a Russian major, you may also elect to receive these pre-approved equivalents that have been established by the Department of Slavic Languages and Literature. If you choose to receive these established equivalents, you are not required to complete course equivalencies for your program. Please consult with your Enrollment Specialist Advisor if you have questions on these course equivalents.

You may go abroad for your third-year Russian experience or for your fourth-year Russian experience. The credits you earn will vary based on the last Russian course you have completed at UW-Madison and whether you go for a semester or an academic year.

You will always receive language credit in-sequence (4 UW credits), depending on where you are in the sequence. You will be awarded the appropriate course to keep you on track for continuing your studies back at UW-Madison. The sequence is:
Slavic 101: First Semester Russian
Slavic 102: Second Semester Russian
Slavic 203: Third Semester Russian
Slavic 204: Fourth Semester Russian
Slavic 275: Third Year Russian I
Slavic 276: Third Year Russian II
Slavic 321: Fourth Year Russian I
Slavic 322: Fourth Year Russian II

Depending on the semester you study in (fall or spring) you will receive the appropriate Russian Language and Culture course (2 UW credits), either:
Slavic 315: Russian Language and Culture I
Slavic 316: Russian Language and Culture II

The rest of your course equivalencies will typically be:
Slavic 309: Russian Area Studies on Study Abroad
Slavic 310: Topics in Russian: Study Abroad

Take a look at the following examples, which have been compiled by the Slavic Department.

1) If you study abroad after completing Slavic 204 for the fall semester only:

You will get credit for Slavic 275 (4), Slavic 315 (2), and Slavic 309 (3) and other credits depending on the courses you take. Slavic 309 counts towards the area studies requirement for the Russian Language and Civilization major. The other credits you get may not be applicable to the Russian major, but may fulfill breadth requirements for L&S.

2) If you study abroad after completing Slavic 275 for the spring semester only:

You will get credit for Slavic 276 (4), Slavic 316 (2), and Slavic 309 (3) and other credits depending on the courses you take. Slavic 309 counts towards the area studies requirement for the Russian Language and Civilization major. The other credits you get may not be applicable to the Russian major, but may fulfill breadth requirements for L&S.

3) If you study abroad after completing Slavic 204 for the academic year:

You will get credit for Slavic 275 (4), Slavic 276 (4), Slavic 315 (2), Slavic 316 (2) and Slavic 309 (9) and other credits depending on the courses you take. Slavic 309 counts towards the area studies requirement for the Russian Language and Civilization major and 9 credits fulfills this requirement.

4) If you study abroad after completing Slavic 276 for the fall semester only:

You will get credit for Slavic 321 (4) and Slavic 315 (2) if you haven’t previously taken Slavic 315. You will also get credit for Slavic 309 (3), which counts towards the area studies requirement for the Russian Language and Civilization major. You may get other credits depending on what courses you take; these other credits may not be applicable to the Russian major, but may fulfill breadth requirements for L&S.

5) If you study abroad after completing Slavic 321 for the spring semester only:

You will get credit for Slavic 322 (4) and Slavic 316 (2) if you haven’t previously taken Slavic 316. You will also get credit for Slavic 309 (3), which counts towards the area studies requirement for the Russian Language and Civilization major. You may get other credits depending on what courses you take; these other credits may not be applicable to the Russian major, but may fulfill breadth requirements for L&S.

6) If you study abroad after completing Slavic 276 for the academic year:

You will get credit for Slavic 315 (2) and 316 (2) if you have not taken these courses previously. You will also get credit for either Slavic 321 (4) or Slavic 322 (4). You must take one of these two courses on the UW-Madison campus with UW-Madison faculty as a capstone course for the Russian major. You will get
9 credits for Slavic 309, which fulfills the area studies requirement for the Russian Language and Civilization major. You may get other credits depending on what courses you take; these other credits may not be applicable to the Russian major, but may fulfill breadth requirements for L&S.

**Pass/Fail/Drop/Audit**
Please refer to the IAP Study Abroad Handbook for Academic Policies.

**Limits and Load**
Students are required to enroll each semester as full-time students. You will enroll for a total of 4 Bryn Mawr units. As American Councils’ School of Record, your credit will be issued through Bryn Mawr College, which will be converted to UW-Madison credits.

**Credits**
Upon successful completion of the semester program, Bryn Mawr will award 4 units of undergraduate credit. One Bryn Mawr unit is equivalent to 4 UW-Madison credits, for a total of 16 UW credits.

Graduate students will receive 3 UW credits per Bryn Mawr unit instead of 4, for a total of 12 UW credits.

**Grades and Grade Conversions**
The grading conversion scale is the following:

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