

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies



PROGRAM OVERVIEW »

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As a student in SPREES, you will become proficient in the Russian language by taking a broad array of courses at Stetson University. You will also spend a semester or summer in the Russian-speaking world, including places like Kyrgyzstan, Moldova and Ukraine—and Russia itself.

But SPREES is more than an academic program—it is your community and your career network at Stetson. Our house on campus contains a classroom and a library and hosts our active Russian Club. Tutoring, lectures, concerts, and student events take place in our foyer and gallery space, all over tea and cookies. Our Year in Food series has students making pelmeni, dumplings, and blini, pancakes, and our annual Farewell Party initiates students into Dobro Slovo, the national undergraduate honors society for Slavic Studies. Practice speaking Russian over tea, listen to a lecture by a faculty member on Ukraine, and don one of our signature SPREES t-shirts, too!

FACULTY »

Our faculty are actively engaged in research, present their work widely and enjoy working with students at all levels.

- **Martin Blackwell**, PhD, Indiana University
- **Michael Denner**, PhD, Northwestern University
- **Mayhill Fowler**, PhD, Princeton University; Director of SPREES
- **Ekaterina Kudrayavtseva**, PhD, University of Southern California
- **Jelena Petrovic**, PhD, University of New Mexico
- **Elizabeth Plantan**, PhD, Cornell University
- **Daniil Zavlunov**, PhD, Princeton University
- **Snezhana Zheltoukhova**, PhD, University of Wisconsin-Madison

If you want to broaden your horizons to explore the world of the Kremlin, Russian novels, and how the Russian Revolution happened, then our program is for you. Russian, spoken throughout the region, is designated by the US government as a critical language and will lead to careers in security studies, computer science and technology or environmental studies.

SUCCESS STORIES »

Christine Jacobson '11

I loved many aspects of my education at Stetson University, but the time I spent at the SPREES house on Amelia Avenue was by far the most valuable and precious to me. The SPREES program and its amazing faculty prepared me to pursue Russia-related jobs throughout my early career. From teaching English in Moscow to working with the Bolshoi Ballet Academy in New York City, I've continued to build on the foundation in Russian area studies laid at Stetson. I now have a masters degree in Russian, Eastern European and Central Asian Studies from Harvard University and am pursuing a career as a Slavic Studies Librarian.

Neri Ordaz '16

My time at Stetson taught me to appreciate a complex and a very diverse region which has often been greatly misunderstood. I learned that there is a world beyond my personal space where I could use Russian to communicate, observe, and explore. All these skills and experiences have aided me as I teach English in Kyrgyzstan. I have become a cultural explorer and communicator.



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BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

The skills and opportunities acquired through studying the languages, cultures and social sciences of the region have allowed Stetson University students to enter leading graduate programs and to find employment immediately after graduation in business, government and the nonprofit sector in the United States and abroad. Many alumni have gone on to graduate studies at top-tier institutions including:

- University of Wisconsin
- Harvard's Davis Center
- University of Iowa
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of Florida
- Oxford University
- Georgetown University
- Georgetown University - Law
- Florida State University – College of Law

Typically, our students spend a year or more teaching or working in Russophone countries before heading to graduate training. Former students are working as military intelligence officers, judicial clerks, authors and English teachers in Russia, Peace Corps volunteers, employees of Lockheed-Martin, English literature teachers in Kyrgyzstan. Many alumni also have successful careers in the following fields and roles, including:

- military
- lawyer
- teacher
- scholar/professor
- journalist
- policy advisor
- NGO or Think Tank
- international business
- regional consultant

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