As a Slavic studies major, you explore the environmental policy, film, theater, literature and linguistics of the contemporary cultures of eastern and central Europe and Eurasia. You also study the historical relations between Slavic and non-Slavic peoples. You develop advanced-level proficiency in the Russian language through our four-year program and use Skype, study away and iPods to further your studies. Your global perspective and critical-thinking skills provide a solid foundation for careers in many fields, including international law, journalism, business, education, publishing, literary translation and environmental protection.

Language Opportunities

You have plenty of opportunities to use your Russian, with trips to Brighton Beach, the Russian banya (public bath) in Manhattan, and the Russian theater, opera and ballet. You can teach Russian to children at New London's Regional Multicultural Magnet School and practice at the Russian language table in the dining hall. To help you learn, we give you an iPod or iPad loaded with language-learning apps as well as music videos, folk songs, Soviet-era cartoons, talk shows, films, nursery rhymes, audiobooks and newscasts. On campus, you may be paired with a student from the St. Petersburg School of Economics for language practice and cultural exchange.

International Opportunities and Study Abroad

Most students study in Russia their junior year. You can also intern abroad to gain professional experience and further improve your language skills.
Faculty

Petko Ivanov, Lecturer in Slavic Studies  
B.A., University of Sofia, Bulgaria; M.A., A.B.D., University of Chicago  
Cultural history of the Slavs; linguistic anthropology; second language acquisition; nationalism; ethnography of religion; Polish and Balkan studies

Andrea D. Lanoux, Associate Professor of Slavic Studies; Chair of Slavic Studies Department  
B.A., Brown University; Ph.D., M.A., University of California, Los Angeles  
Russian and Polish languages and literatures; gender studies; nationhood and nationalism studies; literary canon formation; Post-Soviet children's literature

Tony Lin, C3 Postdoctoral Fellow, Slavic Studies  
B.A., B.M., Northwestern University; M.A., Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley  
Russian literature and music; Polish literature; Fryderyk Chopin in Polish and Russian culture; transposition studies; theater of the absurd

Selected Courses

Introduction to Slavic Cultures; History of Russian and Soviet Film; The Russian Novel; Gender in Communist and Post-Communist Societies; The Net Generation—Russian and American Youth Cultures; Nationalism; Russia after Communism; Second Language Acquisition; Language in Culture; Elementary Russian; Intermediate Russian

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Senior Account Executive, Visa Inc.
General Manager, Sodexo USA
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Tara Law '14  
Competing for the motherland: constructions of Russian nationalism in the Sochi winter olympics

Kayla Cogle '14  
Awareness of meaning: intercultural communication in virtual space

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