

Carleton

Russian Program

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Welcome Friend,

Congratulations on being accepted to Carleton! Since you clicked on “Russian,” I am happy to provide you with information about our program. At Carleton you will find small classes, close contact with professors, and a tight-knit community of people who share a deep curiosity about the country Winston Churchill called “a riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an enigma.”

Most students who [major or minor](#) in Russian at Carleton have no previous experience with the language, but students who come in at more advanced levels find no shortage of opportunities to continue their study. In addition to language classes, we offer [courses](#) in both Russian and English on a variety of topics, from the greats of nineteenth-century literature, to the role of food in Russian culture, to the diverse Russian-speaking cultures outside the boundaries of the Russian Federation.

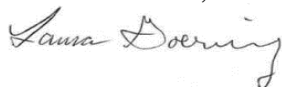
Roughly half of our beginning language students end up going on our own off-campus program, which for over 20 years was based in Moscow. Since the invasion of Ukraine makes travel to Russia impossible, we have launched [a new program in Almaty, Kazakhstan](#), where students study Russian language in a new setting, a “cultural crossroads” where multiple cultures intersect. Thanks to the generosity of Carleton donors, many of our students receive summer fellowships to continue their adventures in Russia, from shooting a film on the trans-Siberian railroad to studying Russian icon painting.

Back on campus, students find ample opportunity to practice their Russian and bond with fellow students. Our “Language Associate,” currently a native Russian speaker from Kazakhstan, hosts weekly Russian tea, biweekly Russian lunch table, Russian and Kazakh holiday celebrations, picnics, and other activities. With the Twin Cities only an hour away, trips to films, plays, or the [Museum of Russian Art](#) are also on the program.

Once narrowly focused on the study of literature, our department has evolved over the years to become highly interdisciplinary. In recent years, students have combined the study of Russian with other interests, including Gender, Women’s & Sexuality Studies, International Relations, History, Art History, and Music Performance, to name a few. But don’t worry – there’s still plenty of opportunity to read Tolstoy and Dostoevsky!

You can find more information on the Russian department [website](#) or on our [facebook page](#), “Russian at Carleton College.” If you have questions, please don’t hesitate to email me: lgoering@carleton.edu. До скорой встречи в Карлтоне! Hope to see you soon at Carleton!

With best wishes,



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