

# RUSSIAN STUDIES

With the lessening of tensions between Russia and the United States, Americans have an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the country that was our primary adversary for more than four decades. In order to take advantage of new economic and cultural possibilities for contact and exchange with Russia created by political and economic changes, you, as a student, will gain a thorough grounding in Russian culture, politics, and society. The program at West Chester University is interdisciplinary, incorporating history, geography, political science, foreign policy, film, language, and literature. The program also attempts to reach a larger community of students who may have an interest in Russian studies.

Currently, you can minor in Russian studies at West Chester University. The program plays a supporting role to a variety of majors, including political science, history, and Russian language.

## Program Offered

**Minor in Russian Studies.** Students explore Russian culture and civilization, focusing on socio-political and cultural aspects of Russia.

## Typical Courses

Geography of the Former Soviet Union  
History of Imperial Russia  
History of 20th-Century Russia  
Russian Film  
Russian Literature in Translation  
Soviet Politics  
Soviet and Post-Soviet Foreign Policy  
Soviet and Russian Culture

## Related Student Activity

Russian Club

## Faculty

You can obtain a complete listing of faculty and their academic qualifications for this program from the contact person listed below.

## For More Information

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Undergraduate Catalog: [www.wcupa.edu/\\_information/official.documents/undergrad.catalog/](http://www.wcupa.edu/_information/official.documents/undergrad.catalog/)

## About West Chester University

A comprehensive, public institution, West Chester University offers high-quality undergraduate and graduate degree programs in more than 100 subject areas, as well as certification and certificate programs. As one of the largest members of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, West Chester offers a full and rewarding educational experience as well as reasonable tuition.

With a rich heritage dating back to the 19th century, West Chester University was founded in 1871 as West Chester Normal School for the purpose of training teachers for the Commonwealth's newly established public schools. In 1960, West Chester State Teachers College expanded its programs to

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include liberal arts and graduate degrees and, as a result, dropped “Teachers” from its name. In 1983, West Chester State College became one of the 14 institutions in the State System of Higher Education. Along with its university status, the school acquired a new system of governance and the opportunity to expand its degree programs.

Today, more than 15,400 graduate and undergraduate students, along with 1,500 faculty and staff, study and work on the 406-acre campus. Situated in the Borough of West Chester, the campus is a picturesque mix of Gothic, Victorian, and modern architecture with pleasant, tree-shaded walks. Strategically located at the center of the mid-Atlantic

corridor between New York City and Washington, D.C., West Chester is just 25 miles west of Philadelphia and 17 miles north of Wilmington.

## Information on Admission

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