

Program Goals for Undergraduate Majors
in the Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures

GOALS for students who have completed an undergraduate major in German or Russian (any option):

- Students will have developed oral skills in German or Russian that allow them to communicate efficiently in a range of settings from informal to professional.
- Students will have developed literacy skills that allow them to both read and write in German or Russian. Majors should be able to read and interpret a variety of media ranging from newspapers to literary texts to formal academic prose.
- Students will have developed an understanding of the structure of the German language or of the Russian language.
- Students will have developed an understanding of the significance of the major cultural and historical events, personages and developments in their chosen language area.
- Students will be familiar with major authors and literary works in German or Russian.
- Students will have had the opportunity to spend at least one semester abroad immersed in the target language and its culture through a study abroad program or an internship.

Evaluation of graduating seniors

Upon graduation, students with a major in German or Russian will be interviewed so the department can assess the extent to which learning goals have been realized. The interview is designed to assess the undergraduate program's strengths and weaknesses and to generate suggestions for improvements.