

The Ohio State University
College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Slavic and East European Languages and Cultures
Essential Russian Language and Culture Skills Certificate Type 1A and 1B (SKLRUSA-CR and SKLRS1B-CR)

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The Department of Slavic and East European Languages and Cultures' Essential Russian Language and Culture Skills Certificate provides students with basic communicative skills to satisfy needs in a limited number of everyday travel and business situations, as well as cultural competency to better navigate interactions in Russia. The certificate is ideal to those traveling to Russophone regions for education, business dealings, or cultural enrichment.

Essential Russian Language and Culture Skills Certificate Curricular Information

Required Courses (4 courses; 12-13 CH)

1. RUSSIAN 1101.xx
2. RUSSIAN 1102.xx
3. RUSSIAN 2335.xx
4. RUSSIAN 2200

Essential Russian Language and Culture Skills Guidelines

Credit hours required: A minimum of 12 CH.

Overlap with the courses in degree:

- The certificate must be in a different subject than the major.
- Max 50% overlap with courses in a major, minor, other certificate, or GE.

Grades required:

- Minimum C- for a course to be counted on the certificate.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA for all certificate course work.

X193 credits: Not permitted.

Declaring the certificate:

Students should see their assigned academic advisor or program administrator to declare the certificate prior to the filing of the certificate completion paperwork and/or graduation application. Students do not need the approval of the Department of Slavic and East European Languages & Cultures to declare the certificate.

Approval of coursework

Approval of the certificate coursework:

Students who complete the certificate following the guidelines on this sheet need only verify with their academic advisor and/or program administrator that the certificate appears complete on the degree auditing system. No approval from the Department of Slavic and East European Languages and Cultures is required.

Approval for courses not listed on this form to apply to the certificate program:

To apply courses not listed on this sheet toward the Essential Russian Language and Culture Skills certificate, the coursework must be approved by the Department of Slavic and East European Languages and Cultures. Please email Dr. Andy Spencer.4 to request approval.

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