

DAVIS SCHOOL OF RUSSIAN AT MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE
M.A. DEGREE REQUIREMENTS & REGULATIONS

1. CANDIDACY FOR THE M.A. DEGREE

To become a candidate for the M.A. degree, a student must (1) hold a B.A., B.S., or the equivalent; and (2) successfully complete a 6-week graduate summer session (3 units at the graduate level). This initial summer session, following receipt of the B.A./B.S., is called the summer of candidacy. Upon successful completion of the summer of candidacy, a student is officially recognized as candidate for the M.A. degree.

Graduate units earned prior to receipt of the B.A./B.S. do not confer candidacy. Up to 3 graduate units earned at the Russian School prior to the summer of candidacy may be applied toward the M.A., once the student becomes a degree candidate.

2. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

12 units, with a minimum grade of B- in each course.

3. DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

Candidates are expected to complete a balanced program, including at least two (2) units in each of the following areas:

- Civilization (including courses in history, politics, popular culture, film, etc.)
- Language and linguistics
- Literature

In addition, M.A. candidates must complete one (1) independent study course on the Middlebury campus, for which they submit the M.A. thesis.

4. RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the summer of candidacy on the Middlebury campus (3 units), the 9 remaining units required for the M.A. degree must include either:

- three additional summers at Middlebury (9 units); or
- an academic year in Moscow, Irkutsk, or Yaroslavl (6 units), followed by a summer at Middlebury (3 units); or
- a semester in Moscow, Irkutsk, or Yaroslavl (3 units) and two additional summers at Middlebury (6 units).

The final 3 units must be earned in residence on the Vermont campus.

5. TRANSFER OF CREDIT

Please see separate document.

6. GENERAL LIMITATIONS

All credits toward a Middlebury M.A. degree, earned at Middlebury or elsewhere, expire 10 years after the study was completed; e.g., courses taken during the summer of 2014 are no longer valid as of August 2024.