Graduation with Distinction: Russian (RUSSIAN)

Procedure for selection of students
The Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures offers students majoring in Russian a senior honors program that, upon successful completion, results in graduation with distinction. An overall GPA of 3.3 and one of 3.5 in the major are required. The process is initiated by the submission of an application form and research proposal to the DUS by the end of the second semester of the junior year.

Expected product
The central requirement of the program is an honors thesis prepared by the student under faculty supervision.

Evaluative body
A three-member honors thesis committee.

Evaluation procedure
Completion of the thesis with a grade of A- or better, its evaluation, and its successful defense before the committee warrant graduation with distinction in Russian. The thesis generally consists of three to five chapters with an extensive bibliography. The use of primary materials in Russian is required.

Levels of distinction
Three levels: Distinction, High Distinction, and Highest Distinction. The honors thesis committee will decide whether to grant distinction and at which level based on the quality of the completed work.

Special courses, other activities required, comments
The honors program normally consists of two courses (RUSSIAN 111S and 112S), though participation in these courses is not mandatory. RUSSIAN 111S, taken in the fall of the senior year, is devoted to the development of the honors thesis and includes close supervision of the writing stage of the project by a faculty supervisor selected by the student. Continued close faculty supervision of the project occurs in RUSSIAN 112S, which is an independent study course specifically designed for the honors thesis program.

See Also:
- Department of Slavic & Eurasian Studies
Application for Graduation with Distinction in Russian

Name of Student: ___________________________ Graduation Date: __________

Cumulative Duke GPA: (all Duke courses - 3.3 minimum required) __________

GPA in courses taken in the major: (3.5 minimum required) __________

Title of Distinction Project: ____________________________________________

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Faculty Supervisor: ____________________________________________

Description of Distinction Project: (1-2 paragraphs)

Signature of Faculty Supervisor: ________________________ Date __________

Signature of the DUS: _____ _____________________________ Date __________

Submission of Application: to the Director of Undergraduate Studies

Application Deadline: end of the second semester of the junior year