MODERN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES, BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) - CONCENTRATION IN CULTURAL AREA STUDIES

Program Learning Outcomes

- **Communication:** Communicate in other language than English
  - Standard 1.1: Students engage in conversations, provide and obtain information, express feelings and emotions, and exchange opinions.
  - Standard 1.2: Students understand and interpret written and spoken language on a variety of topics.
  - Standard 1.3: Students present information, concepts, and ideas to an audience of listeners or readers on a variety of topics.
- **Communities:** Participate in multilingual communities at home & around the world
  - Standard 5.1: Students use the language both within and beyond the school setting.
  - Standard 5.2: Students show evidence of becoming life-long learners by using the language for personal enjoyment and enrichment.
- **Comparisons:** Develop insight into the nature of language and culture
  - Standard 4.1: Students demonstrate understanding of the nature of language through comparisons of the language studied and their own.
  - Standard 4.2: Students demonstrate understanding of the concept of culture through comparisons of the cultures studied and their own.
- **Connections:** Connect with other disciplines and acquire information
  - Standard 3.1: Students reinforce and further their knowledge of other disciplines through the foreign language.
  - Standard 3.2: Students acquire information and recognize the distinctive viewpoints that are only available through the foreign language and its cultures.
- **Cultures:** Gain knowledge and understanding of other cultures
  - Standard 2.1: Students demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the practices and perspectives of the culture studied.
  - Standard 2.2: Students demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the products and perspectives of the culture studied.

Related Links

Modern Languages and Cultures - Cultural Area Studies, BA Program Page (https://www.sru.edu/programs/undergrad-modern-languages-and-cultures/#tab_sec1)

Professional Licensure/Certification Page (https://www.sru.edu/students/student-consumer-information/professional-licensures/)

Curriculum Guide

GPA Requirement

Major GPA: 2.0 or higher

Overall GPA: 2.0 or higher

Summary*

Code	Title	Hours
Rock Studies 2 Requirements		42
Modern Language Requirement		0-9
Other Basic Requirements		0-3
Major/Concentration Requirements		36
Electives		42

* All undergraduate degree programs require a minimum of 120 credits. Some courses meet multiple requirements, but are only counted once toward the 120 credit total required to graduate.

Rock Studies 2 Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
The Rock		
SUBJ 139	Foundations of Academic Discovery [1]	3
ENGL 102	Critical Writing	3
ENGL 104	Critical Reading	3
MATH 117	Quantitative Reasoning	3
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 200	Civil Discourse: Theory & Practice	
PHIL 110	Ethics and Civil Discourse	
POLI 235	Civil Discourse and Democracy	
Subtotal		15
Integrated Inquiry		
Creative and Aesthetic Inquiry		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Humanities Inquiry		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Social Science Inquiry		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Natural Sciences Inquiry		
SCI 101	Science of Life	3
Physical Sciences Inquiry		
SCI 102	Understanding the Physical World	3
Subtotal		15
Thematic Thread		
Select 12 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/) [2]		12
Total Hours		**42**

[1] Course offered in multiple subjects; cannot take course in first major subject.

[2] One course from each category; six credits must be 300-level or above; no more than 4 credits from one subject area; specific courses required in first major, regardless of prefix of course, cannot be used to satisfy thread requirements; any course with same prefix as first major cannot be used to satisfy thread requirements, even if it is not a course in the first major.

BA Modern Language Requirement

BA degree requires language proficiency at the 103 class level. Exemption by placement or examination is possible.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete 0-9 credits		0-9
Total Hours		**0-9**

Basic Math Requirement

Check with your adviser or a current degree audit report to see if you have been exempted from this course. The credit earned in this course will not be counted toward the 120 credit hour minimum needed to earn a degree.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following:		0-3
Meet required minimum SAT or ACT math score OR		
ESAP 110	Beginning Algebra	
Total Hours		**0-3**

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION REQUIREMENT

Students must take and pass a course with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) designation prior to graduation. Students can meet this requirement by taking any DEI - designated course in any program at any time during their undergraduate career.

Major/Concentration Requirements

- 17 major credits must be taken at SRU or PASSHE
- 17 major credits must be taken at the 300 level or above (Adviser approved courses)
- Courses used in this major may not be used to satisfy Rock Studies 2, a minor, or another major's requirements.
- A student must have earned 30 credits and a 2.0 GPA to enter the program.
- AP, Credit by Exam, CLEP, and institutional credit by exam may count towards the degree to a maximum of 45 credits. Pass/Fail and non-credit courses will not be counted in the major.

Code	Title	Hours
Oral and Written Communication		
Select two of the following:		6
COMM 217	Intercultural Communication [1]	
GES 105	World Regional Geography [1]	
POLI 103	International Relations [1]	
Analytical, Quantitative & Critical Thinking Skills		
Select one of the following courses approved for your cultural area:		3
HIST 151	Ancient World to the Age of Global Encounters [1]	
HIST 152	Early Modern to Contemporary World [1]	
INDP 106	Race and Ethnic Diversity in the USA [1]	
INDP 310	Cultural Area Studies [1]	
INDP 322	Archaeology of the Americas [1]	
MODL 105	Introduction to Asian Civilizations [1]	
Select one of the following:		3
INDP 317	Statistics for the Social Sciences [1]	
INDP 318	Research Methods in Interdisciplinary Studies [1]	
Subtotal		12
Emphasis Area		
Courses selected by advisement		
Part I: Primary Cultural Area –America, Asia, Europe, Latin America or Middle East		
Select five courses in the following categories: Foundations, Culture and Society, History, Current Issues		15
Part II: Electives		
Select three electives		9
Subtotal		24
Total Hours		**36**

[1] Course counts for 50% of Major requirements and Major GPA

* Some courses may require pre-requisites. Please see course descriptions to determine if there are any pre-requisites for that specific course.

Experiential Learning Experience

Must complete 40 hours of experiential learning activities which are approved by the Academic Adviser. Please consult with your Adviser for details of the options available.

Code	Title	Hours
Experiential Learning Activities		40

Co-curricular and Experiential Learning

The department of Modern Languages encourages students to engage in the following areas to deepen their educational experience:

1. International study programs (short-term, semester, and year-long)
2. High-Impact Practice (HIP) designated classes
3. Student-faculty research
4. Student leadership development
5. Service-learning classes
6. Career education and development
7. Internships
8. Field Experiences
9. Volunteering (schools, world language competition, language clubs, communities)

Important Curriculum Guide Notes

This Curriculum Guide is provided to help SRU students and prospective students better understand their intended major curriculum. Enrolled SRU students should note that the My Rock Audit may place already-earned and/or in progress courses in different, yet valid, curriculum categories. Enrolled SRU students should use the My Rock Audit Report and materials and information provided by their faculty advisers to ensure accurate progress towards degree completion. *The information on this guide is current as of the date listed. Students are responsible for curriculum requirements at the time of enrollment at the University*.

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Concentration in Cultural Area Studies (CAST)
This program is effective as of Fall 2019

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RECOMMENDED FOUR-YEAR PLAN

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
Modern Language Requirement I		3
ENGL 102	Critical Writing	3
ESAP 101	FYRST Seminar *	1
SUBJ 139	Foundations of Academic Discovery [4]	3
Rock Studies 2 Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Rock Studies 2 Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
	Hours	**16**
Spring		
Modern Language Requirement II		3
ENGL 104	Critical Reading	3
Rock Studies 2 Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Rock Studies 2 Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Rock Studies 2 Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
	Hours	**15**
Second Year		
Fall		
COMM 217	Intercultural Communication [1]	3
HIST 151	Ancient World to the Age of Global Encounters [2]	3
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 200	Civil Discourse: Theory & Practice	
PHIL 110	Ethics and Civil Discourse	
POLI 235	Civil Discourse and Democracy	
Modern Language Requirement III		3
ENGL 104	Critical Reading	3
Declare a Thematic Thread [3]		
	Hours	**15**
Spring		
COMM 217	Intercultural Communication [1]	3
HIST 151	Ancient World to the Age of Global Encounters [2]	3
Rock Studies 2 Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
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Rock Studies 2 Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
	Hours	**15**
Third Year		
Fall		
Major Emphasis Area Course		3
Major Emphasis Area Course		3
Major Emphasis Area Course		3
Rock Studies 2 Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Rock Studies 2 Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
	Hours	**15**
Spring		
INDP 317 or INDP 318	Statistics for the Social Sciences or Research Methods in Interdisciplinary Studies	3
Major Emphasis Area Course		3
Major Emphasis Area Course		3
Rock Studies 2 Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Rock Studies 2 Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
	Hours	**15**
Fourth Year		
Fall		
Major Emphasis Area Course		3
Major Emphasis Area Course		3
Rock Studies 2 Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Rock Studies 2 Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Elective		3
	Hours	**15**
Spring		
Major Emphasis Area Course		3
Major Emphasis Area Course		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
	Hours	**15**
	Total Hours**	**121**

1 And/or GES 105 (F), World Regional Geography, and/or POLI 103 (F), International Relation.

2 And/or HIST 152, Rise of the Modern World (European) and/or INDP 106, Race and Ethnic Diversity (Asian Studies) and/or INDP 310, Cultural Area Studies-Middle East and/or INDP 322 Archeology of the Americas (Latin Am) and/or MODL 105, Intro to Asian Civilizations (Asian Studies).

3 Work with your Academic Adviser to declare a Thematic Thread by the end of your fall semester in your second year.

4 Course offered in multiple subjects; cannot take course in first major subject.

* Students are encouraged to take ESAP 101 as a Free Elective.

***This document serves as a guide. Earning a degree requires at least 120 credits, though some majors require more. Before registering for courses, consult your academic adviser and review your curriculum guide. Be sure to review and confirm your plan with your adviser at least once each academic year.*

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