

Braxton Birchard Major in Russianand History

Hometown: Derby, VT



"I greatly enjoyed my time studying in the Russian Department. I came into my Russian class Freshman year no anticipating becoming a Russian Major thoughentually I was coaxed into it. I do not regret this one bit. I had the time of my life living in Russian House sophomore year and studying abroad in Saint Petersburg Senior Year. It is so sad that it went by so fast and had to end like it did. I can not wait to come back and see my past professors again."

Insatiably curious about Russian (and seemingly every other) culture, with the heart of an adventurer, the voice of a bard, and a gift for storytelling

Caucasus Mountains of Northern Georgia

Emily Bruggeman Major in Russian and Political Science Hometown: Hebron, CT



"The Russian Department may not be the largest faculty on campus, butality of our professors and students makes this one of the richest disciplines at UV feel particularly fortunate to have had my research interests supported and cultivated from an early stage, particularly with encouragement from essor Kevin McKenna to pursue an honors thesis. During my time in the Russian Department I was met withemendous input and assistance from our impressivenetwork ofscholars. Collaborating with them undoubtedly improved quality of my work, and gave me a far more rewarding research experience. Beyond my academic pursuits, connecting with my professors on a more pers level ultimately yielded valuable insights, advice, unbelievable stories, and inspiration for the various ways one can use a Russian degree. The Russian Department served as a wonderful community AM, and I will fondly remember our various escapades together both within the classroom and outside. Спаси большое!"

Articulate, analytical, and intellectually curious--a true future scholar of Slavic studies who never backs down from a challenge!

Katie Esser Major in Russian and Linguistics

Hometown: Bethesda, MD



"The Russian Department, its faculty, and advising has not of shaped my four years at UVM, but also my academic and professional skills. During my time at UVM, I was lucky enouge to be able to study abroad in St. Petersburg, complete a year long Teaching Assistantship, and receive College Honors through my thesis research, which bridged my studies in Russ and Linguistics. While undertaking these goals is certainly an independent endeavor, great credit is due to all of my profess for their guidance and encouragement along my journey. I wis you all the best and I will miss you all dearly!"

Our fearless and dedicated TA-extraordinaire, whose pedagogy background and attentive mentoring skills have helped shape the new Russian curriculum for years to come.

Alta Fox Majorin Germanand Global Studies

Hometown: Schenectady, NY

Personal Goal—Live and Work in Berlin





A deep thinker and amazing writer, whose quiet demeanor masks the heart of a true adventuress

Mike Gasparrini Major in Russian and History



Hometown: Trumbull, CT

"Studying Russian has allowed me to take a deeper look inside of myself as well as gain a broader and dequespective about the varying cultures of humanity. Russian helped take me farther into myself as to new places I never would have seen myself going to before. I appreciate greatly my professors Professor Katsnelson and Scollins who encouraged me to pursue my studies, and helped me become a better student."

A born seeker: intellectually & physically adventurous, with an unconventional and creative spirit, he is most comfortable at the intersections of cultures, disciplines, and ideas

John Myles Major in Russian and History



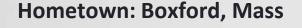
Hometown: New Castle, NH

"Thank you to all my professors and classmates for keeping the Russian department alive despite all the university's bullshit"

A true intellectual whose profane and mordant wit belies a keen and original intelligence



Austin McCourt Major in Russian and History





"When I arrived at UVM, I was really unsure about what I wanted to do or what I wanted my college experience to loo like. In the most unexpected of ways, I really found a home for myself in the German and Russian Department, and I'm so glad for the faculty and the friends I've made in it. With their help, I've discovered the best parts of myself in these four years, and for that I'll be forever grateful."

A sharp, quick analytical mind, whose interpretive skills are equally adept at decoding literary, political, and linguistic texts

Kate O'Hara, Major in Russian

Hometown: Glastonbury, CT

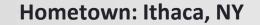


"I would like to say thank you to everyone in the German and Russian Department for making my experience at the University of Vermont so wonderful. The help and guidance I have received from the professors and staff has enabled me to be successful in my studies and career endeavors. Thank you again for all that you have done and I hope to see everyone again in the future."

A talented and goal-oriented student whose Russian major brings balance and breadth to her study of Computer Science and Economics

Emma Roach
Major in German and
Linguistics

"My time





"My time here at UVM in the German department has been a very special experience for me. I had no idea that I would make so many good friends, meet so many wonderful professors, and learn so much about German language and culture. This was my second home, and I am so thankful for everyone I have met and everything I have experienced. I am excited to continue pursuing my love for German and Translation, knowing that my time here at UVM has given me everything I need to succeed. I will deeply miss this department and all the wonderful people here, but it will always have a special place in my heärt.

An incredibly gifted linguist who has not yet met a language that she does not like, infectiously cheerful and always onehundred percent invested in whatever course she takes



Genavieve Twomey Major in Russian



Hometown: North Adams, Massachusetts

"Better late than никогда!"

A natural skeptic, whose expressive writing and talent for challenging the status quo illuminate texts in original ways

