The Russian Language and Literature major is a designated capstone major. Students must complete a capstone seminar and present their final paper in the department’s annual Undergraduate Research Conference. Through their capstone work, students are expected to:

- incorporate knowledge acquired in Major courses to formulate an independent study topic and design a research project.
- select and use original sources in Russian or another Slavic or East European language to prepare a conference paper.
- prepare appropriate media for a public presentation.
- complete the actual conference presentation, including the need to field questions from the audience.
- edit the research paper and submit it to an academic journal.