

# RUSSIAN (RUSS)

## 100 Level Courses

**RUSS 101: *Elementary Russian I.*** 3 credits.

For students with no knowledge of Russian. Introduces elements of grammar, vocabulary, oral skills, listening comprehension, and reading. Lab work required. Notes: Students may not receive credit for RUSS 101 and RUSS 110. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit. Equivalent to RUSS 110.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**RUSS 102: *Elementary Russian II.*** 3 credits.

Continuation of RUSS 101. Notes: Students may not receive credit for RUSS 102 and RUSS 110. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit. Equivalent to RUSS 110.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** RUSS 101 or permission of department.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**RUSS 110: *Elementary Russian.*** 6 credits.

Introduces elements of grammar, vocabulary, oral skills, listening comprehension, and reading. Notes: Students may not receive credit for RUSS 110 and RUSS 101, 102. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit. Equivalent to RUSS 101, RUSS 102, RUSS 109.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**RUSS 199: *Russian Language and Culture for Students and Professionals.*** 3 credits.

Designed for English-speaking specialists in humanities, sciences, and business studies in Russia. Covers range of topics, including elementary Russian phonetics and grammar, basic conversation, and Russian etiquette. Course theme is language needs of foreigners who happen to be traveling and conducting business activities in Russia. Acquaints students and professionals with cultural framework that forms indispensable backdrop to daily activities in Russia. Students become increasingly confident and effective in their ability to engage Russians from all walks of life in daily informal and professional conversation in the Russian language. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

## 200 Level Courses

**RUSS 201: *Intermediate Russian I.*** 3 credits.

Further development of skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Notes: RUSS 201 and 202 must be taken in sequence. Students may not receive credit for RUSS 201 and RUSS 210. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit. Equivalent to RUSS 210.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** RUSS 102, appropriate placement score or permission of instructor.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**RUSS 202: *Intermediate Russian II.*** 3 credits.

Application of language skills to reading, composition, and discussion. Notes: Students may not receive credit for RUSS 202 and RUSS 210. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit. Equivalent to RUSS 210.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** RUSS 201, appropriate placement score, or permission of instructor.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**RUSS 210: *Intermediate Russian.*** 3 credits.

Continuation of the development of basic components of the language, with focus on listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. Introduces students to the cultures and histories of Russian-speaking regions. Lab work required. Notes: Students may not receive credit for RUSS 210 and RUSS 101, 102. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit. Equivalent to RUSS 201, RUSS 202, RUSS 209.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** RUSS 110, or appropriate placement score.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**RUSS 250: *Gateway to Advanced Russian.*** 3 credits.

Integration of advanced intermediate-level Russian grammar, reading, writing, listening and speaking skills with the development of research skills and critical thinking about authentic texts from contemporary media. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

**Specialized Designation:** Taught in Russian

**Recommended Prerequisite:** RUSS 210.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

## 300 Level Courses

**RUSS 302: *Russian Conversation and Composition.*** 3 credits.

Develops in students ability to express themselves orally on topics of current interest and everyday situations. Provides practice in more difficult forms of written expression. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

**Specialized Designation:** Taught in Russian, Writing Intensive in the Major

**Recommended Prerequisite:** RUSS 250, appropriate placement score, or permission of instructor.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**RUSS 303: *Russian Advanced Conversation.*** 3 credits.

Development of oral proficiency. Includes current colloquial expressions. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

**Specialized Designation:** Taught in Russian

**Recommended Prerequisite:** RUSS 250, appropriate placement score, or permission of instructor.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**RUSS 310: *Readings in Russian Literature.*** 3 credits.

Readings of Russian literary works in original language with lectures, discussions, and exam in Russian. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

**Specialized Designation:** Taught in Russian

**Recommended Prerequisite:** RUSS 250, appropriate placement score, or permission of instructor.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**RUSS 311:** *Contemporary Russian Short Fiction*. 3 credits.

Reading and discussion of recent short stories by best-known Russian writers of today. Notes: Readings in original language. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

**Specialized Designation:** Taught in Russian

**Recommended Prerequisite:** RUSS 250, appropriate placement score, or permission of instructor.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**RUSS 325:** *Major Russian Writers*. 3 credits.

Study of works of major Russian writers in translation. Writers to be studied vary. Notes: May be repeated once for credit when course content is different. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May be repeated within the term for a maximum 9 credits.

**Mason Core:** Literature

**Specialized Designation:** Taught in English, Writing Intensive in the Major

**Recommended Prerequisite:** ENGL 101/ENGL 101 or equivalent or permission of instructor.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**RUSS 326:** *A Survey of Russian Literature*. 3 credits.

Surveys Russian literature from its beginning to 1880. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

**Mason Core:** Literature

**Specialized Designation:** Taught in English

**Recommended Prerequisite:** Completion of 60 hours or permission of instructor.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**RUSS 327:** *A Survey of Russian Literature*. 3 credits.

Surveys Russian literature of late 19th and 20th centuries. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

**Mason Core:** Literature

**Specialized Designation:** Taught in English

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**RUSS 353:** *Russian Civilization*. 3 credits.

Civilization and culture of Russia and former Soviet Union. Includes films, slides, and music in addition to readings and lectures. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

**Mason Core:** Synthesis

**Specialized Designation:** Taught in English, Non-Western Culture

**Recommended Prerequisite:** 60 credits and completion or concurrent enrollment in all other required Mason Core courses.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**RUSS 354:** *Contemporary Post-Soviet Life*. 3 credits.

Social life, art, economics, education, view of life, and personal aspirations of Russian citizen today. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

**Mason Core:** Global Understanding

**Specialized Designation:** Taught in English, Non-Western Culture

**Recommended Prerequisite:** 54 hours or Permission of Instructor.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**RUSS 380:** *Advanced Russian I*. 3 credits.

Comprehensive study of the more difficult characteristics of contemporary standard Russian in areas of grammar, style, and vocabulary usage. Emphasizes developing fluency in oral and written expression. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

**Specialized Designation:** Taught in Russian

**Recommended Prerequisite:** RUSS 202, 250 or equivalent; appropriate placement score; or permission of instructor

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**RUSS 381:** *Advanced Russian II*. 3 credits.

Comprehensive study of the more difficult characteristics of contemporary standard Russian in areas of grammar, style, and vocabulary usage. Emphasizes developing fluency in oral and written expression. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

**Specialized Designation:** Taught in Russian

**Recommended Prerequisite:** RUSS 202, 250 or equivalent; appropriate placement score; or permission of instructor

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

## 400 Level Courses

**RUSS 401:** *Readings in the Social Sciences*. 3 credits.

Reading, translation, and discussion of Russian materials in fields of history, politics, geography, and sociology. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

**Specialized Designation:** Taught in Russian

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**RUSS 407:** *Russian Drama and Theater*. 3 credits.

Development of Russian theater including directing techniques in Moscow Art Theater. Reading and discussion of major Russian plays of 19th and 20th centuries. Notes: Course work in English; knowledge of Russian not required. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

**Specialized Designation:** Taught in English

**Recommended Prerequisite:** 60 hours or permission of instructor.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**RUSS 410:** *Russian Poetry*. 3 credits.

Historical development of Russian poetry and representative works of major poets. Notes: Reading in Russian; course work in English and

Russian. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**RUSS 470:** *Topics in (Post) Soviet Film*. 3 credits.

Russian, Soviet, and post-Soviet films selected by type, period, or director with emphasis varying from year to year. Required viewings, student discussion, and written critiques. Notes: May be repeated once with permission of department or film studies adviser. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 9 credits.

**Specialized Designation:** Taught in English

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**RUSS 480:** *Fourth-Year Russian*. 3 credits.

Advanced work in major grammatical and lexical topics of Russian. Application of theoretical principles in guided written and oral exercises. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** RUSS 380 and 381 or permission of instructor.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**RUSS 481:** *Fourth-Year Russian*. 3 credits.

Advanced work in major grammatical and lexical topics of Russian. Application of theoretical principles in guided written and oral exercises. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** RUSS 380, 381, or equivalent.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**RUSS 490:** *Independent Study*. 1-3 credits.

Research and analysis of selected problem in language, literature, or culture in consultation with member of Russian studies faculty. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** Russian studies major with 84 hours and Permission of Instructor.

**Schedule Type:** Independent Study

**RUSS 491:** *Independent Study*. 1-3 credits.

Research and analysis of selected problem in language, literature, or culture in consultation with member of Russian studies faculty. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

**Schedule Type:** Independent Study

**RUSS 499:** *Seminar on Russian Literary and Critical Bibliography*. 3 credits.

Comprehensive bibliographic survey of major primary and secondary works of Russian literature and criticism. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar