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 (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/modern-classical-languages/). Limited to three attempts. Equivalent to RUSS 110.

Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

Additional Course Details: Taught in Russian

Recommended Prerequisite: RUSS 101 or permission of department.

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 (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/modern-classical-languages/). Limited to three attempts. Equivalent to RUSS 110.

Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

Additional Course Details: Taught in Russian

Recommended Prerequisite: RUSS 101, appropriate placement score, or permission of instructor.

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 (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/modern-classical-languages/). Limited to three attempts. Equivalent to RUSS 101, RUSS 102.

Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

Additional Course Details: Taught in Russian

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. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/modern-classical-languages/). Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: RUSS 102, RUSS 110, appropriate placement score, or permission of instructor.

RUSS 202: Intermediate Russian II. 3 credits.
Application of language skills to reading, composition, and discussion. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/modern-classical-languages/). Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

Additional Course Details: Taught in Russian

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

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 (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/modern-classical-languages/). Limited to three attempts.

Specialized Designation: Writing Intensive in Major

Recommended Prerequisite: RUSS 202, appropriate placement score, or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

Additional Course Details: Taught in Russian

RUSS 303: Russian Advanced Conversation. 3 credits.

Recommended Prerequisite: RUSS 202, appropriate placement score, or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

Additional Course Details: Taught in Russian
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 (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/modern-classical-languages/). Limited to three attempts.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** RUSS 202, appropriate placement score, or
permission of instructor.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://
catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**Additional Course Details:** Taught in Russian

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 (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/
humanities-social-sciences/modern-classical-languages/). Limited to three attempts.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** RUSS 202, appropriate placement score, or
permission of instructor.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://
catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

**Additional Course Details:** Taught in Russian

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 for credit when course
content is different. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages (http://
catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/modern-
classical-languages/). May be repeated within the term for a maximum 9
credits.

**Mason Core:** Literature (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)

**Specialized Designation:** Topic Varies, Writing Intensive in Major

**Recommended Prerequisite:** ENGH 101 or equivalent or permission of
instructor.

**Schedule Type:** Lec/Sem #1, Lec/Sem #2, Lec/Sem #3, Lec/Sem #4, Lec/
Sem #5, Lec/Sem #6, Lec/Sem #7, Lec/Sem #8, Lec/Sem #9, Lecture,
Sem/Lec #10, Sem/Lec #11, Sem/Lec #12, Sem/Lec #13, Sem/Lec #14,
Sem/Lec #15, Sem/Lec #16, Sem/Lec #17, Sem/Lec #18

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://
catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

RUSS 326: 19th-Century Literature in Translation. 3 credits.
Surveys Russian literature from its beginning to 1880. Offered by Modern
& Classical Languages (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/
humanities-social-sciences/modern-classical-languages/). Limited to three attempts.

**Mason Core:** Literature (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)

RUSS 327: 20th-Century Literature in Translation. 3 credits.
Surveys Russian literature of late 19th and 20th centuries. Offered
by Modern & Classical Languages (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-
schools/humanities-social-sciences/modern-classical-languages/).
Limited to three attempts.

**Mason Core:** Literature (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)

**Specialized Designation:** Non-Western Culture

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

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://
catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

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 (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-
schools/humanities-social-sciences/modern-classical-languages/).
Limited to three attempts.

**Mason Core:** Synthesis (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)

**Specialized Designation:** Non-Western Culture

**Recommended Prerequisite:** 60 credits or Permission of Instructor.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://
catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

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 (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-
sciences/modern-classical-languages/). Limited to three attempts.

**Mason Core:** Global Understanding (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-
core/)

**Specialized Designation:** Non-Western Culture

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

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://
catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

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 (http://
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

Additional Course Details: Taught in Russian

RUSS 380, RUSS 381, or equivalent.

RUSS 480: Fourth-Year Russian. 3 credits.

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

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

Additional Course Details: Taught in Russian

RUSS 481: Fourth-Year Russian. 3 credits.

Recommended Prerequisite: RUSS 380, 381, or equivalent.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

Additional Course Details: Taught in Russian

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 (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/modern-classical-languages/). Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

Additional Course Details: Taught in Russian

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 (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/modern-classical-languages/). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 9 credits.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

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 (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/modern-classical-languages/). Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

Additional Course Details: Taught in Russian

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 (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/modern-classical-languages/). Limited to three attempts.

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

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

Additional Course Details: Taught in Russian

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 (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/modern-classical-languages/). Limited to three attempts.

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

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

Additional Course Details: Taught in Russian

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 (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/modern-classical-languages/). Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: RUSS 202, 203, 380, 381, or equivalent.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

Additional Course Details: Taught in Russian

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 (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/modern-classical-languages/). Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: 60 hours or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

Additional Course Details: Taught in Russian

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 (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/modern-classical-languages/). Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

Additional Course Details: Taught in Russian

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 (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/modern-classical-languages/). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 9 credits.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

RUSS 480: Fourth-Year Russian. 3 credits.

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

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

Additional Course Details: Taught in Russian

RUSS 481: Fourth-Year Russian. 3 credits.

Recommended Prerequisite: RUSS 380, 381, or equivalent.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

Additional Course Details: Taught in Russian
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 (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/modern-classical-languages/). Limited to three attempts.

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

Schedule Type: Independent Study

Grading: This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

Additional Course Details: Taught in Russian

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 (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/modern-classical-languages/). Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Independent Study

Grading: This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/)

Additional Course Details: Taught in Russian