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. Limited to three attempts. Equivalent to RUSS 110.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

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. Limited to three attempts. Equivalent to RUSS 110.

Recommended Prerequisite: RUSS 101 or permission of department.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

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. Limited to three attempts. Equivalent to RUSS 101, RUSS 102.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

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. Limited to three attempts.

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

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

RUSS 202: Intermediate Russian II. 3 credits.
Application of language skills to reading, composition, and discussion. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. Limited to three attempts.

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

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

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. 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.

RUSS 303: Russian Advanced Conversation. 3 credits.
Development of oral proficiency. Includes current colloquial expressions. Offered by 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.

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. 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.

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. 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.

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:** Writing Intensive in Major

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

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

**RUSS 326:** *A Survey of Russian Literature.* 3 credits.
Surveys Russian literature from its beginning to 1880. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. Limited to three attempts.

**Mason Core:** Literature

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

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

**RUSS 327:** *A Survey of Russian Literature.* 3 credits.
Surveys Russian literature of late 19th and 20th centuries. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. Limited to three attempts.

**Mason Core:** Literature

**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. Limited to three attempts.

**Mason Core:** Synthesis

**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.

**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. Limited to three attempts.

**Mason Core:** Global Understanding

**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.

**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. 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.

**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. 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.

**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. Limited to three attempts.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

**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. 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.

**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. 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.
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.

Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading: This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

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. Limited to three attempts.

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

Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading: This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

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. Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: RUSS 380, 381, or equivalent.

Schedule Type: Lecture
Grading: This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

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. 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.

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. Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Independent Study
Grading: This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.