

# 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

**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. May not be repeated for credit. 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. May not be repeated for credit. 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. May not be repeated for credit.

**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.

**Additional Course Details:** Taught in Russian

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

Application of language skills to reading, composition, and discussion. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

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

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

**Additional Course Details:** Fulfills foreign language requirement., Taught in Russian

## 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:** Writing Intensive in the 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.

**Additional Course Details:** Taught in Russian

**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.

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

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

**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. May not be repeated for credit.

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

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

**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. May not be repeated for credit.

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

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

**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 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 the Major

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

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

**Additional Course Details:** Taught in English

**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

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

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

**Additional Course Details:** Taught in English

**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

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

**Additional Course Details:** Taught in English

**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:** 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.

**Additional Course Details:** Taught in English

**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:** Non-Western Culture

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

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

**Additional Course Details:** Taught in English

**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.

**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.

**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. May not be repeated for credit.

**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.

**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. May not be repeated for credit.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

**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. May not be repeated for credit.

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

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

**Additional Course Details:** Taught in English

**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

**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.

**Additional Course Details:** Taught in English, Title varies by section and/or semester

**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

**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. May not be repeated for credit.

**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. May not be repeated for credit.

**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. May not be repeated for credit.

**Schedule Type:** Independent Study

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.