RUSSIAN (RUS)

RUS 101 | BASIC RUSSIAN I | 4 quarter hours
(Undergraduate)

Rus 101 is the first course in the yearlong Basic Russian sequence. It assumes no prior knowledge of Russian. In this course students will develop Russian reading, writing, listening and speaking skills. They will learn to read and write both print and cursive script. This course will teach grammatical structures and vocabulary for both professional and informal conversations. Students will also learn to identify (in Russian) major cities and facts about the Russian Federation. The Basic Russian course sequence emphasizes communication skills and uses a free online curriculum. It may incorporate additional materials from Russian literature, art, film, and contemporary media. By the end of the first year sequence (101-102-103) students should be able to read everyday texts and communicate using simple structures in a variety of settings. They will be able to ask and answer basic questions about family and everyday life. This course may be appropriate for some heritage speakers who do not read Russian. Students with prior knowledge of Russian should take the Russian placement exam and consult with their academic advisor and course instructors for proper placement in Russian.

RUS 102 | BASIC RUSSIAN II | 4 quarter hours
(Undergraduate)

This is the second course in the Basic Russian sequence. In this course, students will continue to develop their communication skills in Russian, participating in longer conversations and learning more complex grammatical structures. Students will expand their skills in reading and deciphering Russian texts. Building on skills learned in RUS 101, students will learn to describe everyday life and other persons. They will use adjectives and verbs appropriately in longer sentences and manage longer conversations. Students will also learn about Russian culture and life. Topics incorporated into language practice may include: geography, ethnic groups and religions of the Russian Federation, literature, traditions, and pop culture. The Basic Russian course sequence emphasizes communication skills and uses a free online curriculum. It may also incorporate materials from Russian literature, art, film, and contemporary media. By the end of the first year sequence (101-102-103), students should be able to read everyday texts and communicate using simple structures in a variety of settings. RUS 102 generally assumes knowledge of the Russian alphabet. This course may be appropriate for some heritage speakers who do not read Russian. Otherwise, students enrolling in RUS 102 should have placed into this course per the Russian placement exam or taken RUS 101.

RUS 103 | BASIC RUSSIAN III | 4 quarter hours
(Undergraduate)

This is the third course in the introductory sequence Basic Russian. Students will develop their communication skills and by the end of the yearlong sequence, students will be able to participate in conversations about family life, home and student activities. They will be able to read Russian and write messages and texts. Through structured conversation practice they will also continue to learn about Russian culture and life. Topics incorporated into language practice may include: Russian geography, diverse ethnicities and religions of the Russian Federation, literature, traditions, and popular culture. The Basic Russian course sequence emphasizes communication skills and uses a free online curriculum. It may also incorporate materials from Russian literature, art, film, and contemporary media. By the end of the first year sequence (101-102-103), students should be able to read everyday texts and communicate using simple structures in a variety of settings. RUS 103 assumes much basic vocabulary, knowledge of the Russian cyrillic alphabet, familiarity with noun/adjetive agreement, and present tense verb forms. Students enrolling in RUS 103 should have placed into this course per the Russian placement exam or taken RUS 101 and 102.

RUS 104 | INTERMEDIATE RUSSIAN I | 4 quarter hours
(Undergraduate)

Intensive practice in the use of Russian through listening, speaking, reading and writing, and continued enhancement of the cultural awareness intrinsic to those skills. Russian 103 or equivalent, including placement test or permission of instructor, is recommended.

RUS 105 | INTERMEDIATE RUSSIAN II | 4 quarter hours
(Undergraduate)

Intensive practice in the use of Russian through listening, speaking, reading and writing, and continued enhancement of the cultural awareness intrinsic to those skills. Russian 104 or equivalent, including placement test or permission of instructor, is recommended.

RUS 106 | INTERMEDIATE RUSSIAN III | 4 quarter hours
(Undergraduate)

Developing more fluency in speaking, understanding, reading and writing Russian with a concomitant heightened awareness of the cultural dimensions of the Russian language. Russian 105 or equivalent, including placement test or permission of instructor, is recommended.

RUS 130 | MOLILSAP STUDY ABROAD | 2 quarter hours
(Undergraduate)

This course is specially designed to complement the Modern Language Introductory Languages Study Abroad programs, linked to the third quarter of the first year language program. The course will be taught abroad.

RUS 197 | SPECIAL TOPICS IN RUSSIAN | 4 quarter hours
(Undergraduate)

See schedule for current offerings.

RUS 198 | STUDY ABROAD | 1-8 quarter hours
(Undergraduate)

Variable credit.

RUS 199 | INDEPENDENT STUDY | 1-4 quarter hours
(Undergraduate)

Variable credit.
RUS 201 | ADVANCED RUSSIAN LANGUAGE I | 4 quarter hours (Undergraduate)
Third-year course covering oral and written communication, reading and writing, and grammar and syntax. Students will explore media, pop culture, literature and politics as they improve their language skills. Russian 106 or equivalent, including placement test or permission of instructor, is recommended.

RUS 202 | ADVANCED RUSSIAN LANGUAGE II | 4 quarter hours (Undergraduate)
Third-year course covering oral and written communication, reading and writing, and grammar and syntax. Students will explore media, pop culture, literature and politics as they improve their language skills. Russian 106 or equivalent, including placement test or permission of instructor, is recommended.

RUS 203 | ADVANCED RUSSIAN LANGUAGE III | 4 quarter hours (Undergraduate)
Third-year course covering oral and written communication, reading and writing, and grammar and syntax. Students will explore media, pop culture, literature and politics as they improve their language skills. Russian 106 or equivalent, including placement test or permission of instructor, is recommended.

RUS 205 | ADVANCED RUSSIAN: LITERATURE AND CULTURE I | 4 quarter hours (Undergraduate)
Grammar, written composition and cultural readings for advanced students and speakers of Russian.

RUS 206 | ADVANCED RUSSIAN: LITERATURE AND CULTURE II | 4 quarter hours (Undergraduate)
Continued emphasis on improved grammar and writing for advanced students and speakers of Russian with collateral cultural readings.

RUS 207 | ADVANCED RUSSIAN: LITERATURE AND CULTURE III | 4 quarter hours (Undergraduate)
Advanced composition and writing course emphasizing standard and literary language with appropriate literary and cultural readings for advanced students and speakers of Russian.

RUS 210E | WARRIORS, WITCHES, FIREBIRDS AND VAMPIRES: INTRODUCTION TO RUSSIAN FOLKLORE | 4 quarter hours (Undergraduate)
TAUGHT IN ENGLISH. This course will introduce students to the rich and dynamic body of Russian folk texts and belief. Course readings will include epic poems, skazki (fairy tales), ballads, legends, incantations, and elements of popular culture. Students will learn and apply contemporary theories of folklore and traditional folk belief. The course will touch on the role of Russian folklore themes in literature and film. Emphasis on primary source materials (in English translation) with supplemental theory and history.

RUS 297 | SPECIAL TOPICS IN RUSSIAN | 4 quarter hours (Undergraduate)
See schedule for current offerings.

RUS 298 | STUDY ABROAD | 1-8 quarter hours (Undergraduate)
Variable credit.

RUS 299 | INDEPENDENT STUDY | 1-4 quarter hours (Undergraduate)
Variable credit.

RUS 301 | MODERN RUSSIAN DRAMA | 4 quarter hours (Undergraduate)
The course will explore masterpieces of Russian literature from a variety of genres: plays, novels, short stories and poetry. Works by authors such as Tolstoy, Chekhov, Dostoevsky, Gogol, Nabokov, Pushkin, Turgenev, Akhmatova, Mayakovsky, Pasternak and Yevtushenko will be read within their historical context to provide a basis for literary appreciation and analysis. Russian 106 or equivalent, including placement test or permission of instructor, is recommended.
RUS 369 | RUSSIAN LITERATURE AND FILM | 4 quarter hours
(Undergraduate)
Greatest Russian short stories, plays, and novels of the 19-20th century, as presented in films by Soviet and Post-Soviet film-makers. Readings in the original of Tolstoy, Dostoevsky, Ostrovsky, Chekhov, Bulgakov, and Pasternak. Russian 106 or equivalent, including placement test or permission of instructor, is recommended.

RUS 393 | RUSSIAN FOR MASS MEDIA, POLITICS, AND CULTURE | 4 quarter hours
(Undergraduate)
Introduction to the structures and vocabulary of Russian news media with emphasis on politics and current events. Weekly readings and writing assignments from television, print media, and Internet news sources. Emphasis on building vocabulary and understanding of current political news and events. Individualized research/writing project. Russian 106 or equivalent, including placement test or permission of instructor, is recommended.

RUS 395 | FOREIGN LANGUAGES ACROSS THE CURRICULUM | 2 quarter hours
(Undergraduate)
The two credit FLAC course allows students to enrich their experience in the co-required course through added reading, writing, listening and speaking activities in Russian. Students must have the equivalent of 106 or higher ability in Russian to take this two credit component. Please contact the Department of Modern Languages if you have questions about this course or about language placement.

RUS 397 | SPECIAL TOPICS IN RUSSIAN | 4 quarter hours
(Undergraduate)
See schedule for current offerings.

RUS 398 | STUDY ABROAD | 1-8 quarter hours
(Undergraduate)
Variable credit.

RUS 399 | INDEPENDENT STUDY | 1-4 quarter hours
(Undergraduate)
Variable credit.

RUS 497 | SPECIAL TOPICS IN RUSSIAN | 4 quarter hours
(Graduate)
See schedule for current offerings.

RUS 498 | STUDY ABROAD | 4-8 quarter hours
(Graduate)
Variable credit.

RUS 499 | INDEPENDENT STUDY | 4-8 quarter hours
(Graduate)
Variable credit.