Russian (RUS)

RUS 1010  Beginning Russian I  4:4:1  Fall
Studies conversational Russian that is used in daily settings. Includes culture study, speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Emphasizes conversation in real life situations. Uses the Natural and Total Physical Response teaching methods. Lab access fee of $10 applies.

RUS 1020  Beginning Russian II  4:4:1  Fall, Spring
* Prerequisite(s): Students need equivalent knowledge of RUS 1010
Studies second semester conversational Russian that is used in daily settings. Includes culture study, speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Emphasizes conversation in real life situations. Uses the Natural and Total Physical Response teaching methods. Completers should be able to communicate enough to visit or work in a Russian speaking country. Lab access fee of $10 applies.

RUS 115R  Russian Conversation I  1:1:0
Offers novice Russian speakers opportunities to enhance their speaking proficiency in the target language by focusing on oral verbal production. Teaches how to improve authentic pronunciation, reduce errors in authenticity of language structure, generate thought in the target language spontaneously as a substitute for translation, and sharpen listening comprehension for natural conversational flow. Contrasts with all other first year courses which must strive to produce mastery of the whole range of language acquisition components, including writing, grammar, etc. Facilitates lowering the affective filter when conversing in the target language by increasing the frequency of speech opportunities and defusing concern for such matters as spelling, etc. Increases mastery of lexical items through increased frequency of oral usage. May be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits toward graduation.

RUS 125R  Russian in the Headlines  1:1:0
Explores current issues in Russian headlines. Explains cultural, historical, political and social factors that contribute to positions taken by current Russian leaders. May be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits toward graduation.

RUS 2010Intermediate Russian I  4:4:1  Fall
* Prerequisite(s): Students need equivalent knowledge of RUS 1020
Reviews and builds upon the grammar, reading, writing, and conversation skills learned in the first year courses. Introduces readings and discussions on the history, culture, and literature of Russia, maintaining a focus on oral proficiency. Lab access fee of $10 applies.

RUS 202GIntermediate Russian II  4:4:0  Spring
* Prerequisite(s): Students need equivalent knowledge of RUS 2010
Studies fourth-semester conversational Russian that is used in daily settings. Includes culture study, speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Emphasizes conversation in real life situations. Uses the Natural and Total Physical Response teaching methods. Completers should be able to converse enough to visit or work in a Russian speaking country. Lab access fee of $10 applies.

RUS 215R Russian Conversation II  1:1:0
* Prerequisite(s): Students should have equivalent knowledge of RUS 2010
Offers lower division / novice Russian speakers opportunities to enhance their speaking proficiency in the target language by focusing on oral verbal production. Teaches how to improve authentic pronunciation, reduce errors in authenticity of language structure, generate thought in the target language spontaneously as a substitute for translation, sharpen listening comprehension, and develop conversational strategies such as circumlocution and managing a conversation with useful expressions for starting a conversation, gaining time to think, helping the other speaker, seeking agreement, etc. Contrasts with all other first year courses which must strive to produce mastery of the whole range of language acquisition components, including writing, grammar, etc. Facilitates lowering the affective filter when conversing in the target language by increasing the frequency of speech opportunities and defusing concern for such matters as spelling, etc. Increases mastery of lexical items through increased frequency of oral usage. May be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits toward graduation.

RUS 266G Introduction to Russian Culture  3:3:0  On Sufficient Demand
* Prerequisite(s): ENGL 1010
Studies Russian culture (988-1900) within a historical, cultural, thematic, and aesthetic context.

RUS 3030 Russian Conversation and Composition I  3:3:0
* Prerequisite(s): (RUS 202G or instructor approval) and University Advanced Standing
Emphasizes production skills [speaking and writing], reviews and expands lexical depth and advances mastery of Russian grammar. Examines contemporary Russian culture topics through studying a variety of Russian sources: readings, film, lecture, individual research, etc. Analyzes topics through active class discussion in Russian. Conducted entirely in Russian.

RUS 3040 Russian Conversation and Composition II  3:3:0  On Sufficient Demand
* Prerequisite(s): (RUS 202G or instructor approval) and University Advanced Standing
Explores communicative skills in Russian. Provides opportunity for students to improve language production through extensive oral and written instruction and study of selected literary and cultural texts. Advances mastery of Russian grammar while emphasizing production skills of speaking and writing. Prepares students to participate fully in subsequent advanced courses. All course work conducted in Russian.

RUS 3200 Business Russian  3:3:0  Fall, Spring
* Prerequisite(s): RUS 202G, one year residency in a Russian-speaking country, or instructor approval
Designed for non-native Russian speakers, who, as a result of foreign residency or similar exposure to the language, have attained a fairly good mastery of basic Russian. Targets major grammatical concepts with a focus on oral proficiency development. Overviews Russian culture and gives an introduction to Russian literature. Lab access fee of $10 applies.

RUS 3520 Russian Culture and Civilization  3:3:0  On Sufficient Demand
* Prerequisite(s): (RUS 202G or equivalent) and University Advanced Standing
Explores chronologically the evolution and development of Russia, and a multitude of aspects that construct Russian national identity. Completers should acquire an understanding of contemporary issues, ethnic and economic development of Russia, as well as historical interdependence with other nations. Presentations and class instructions conducted entirely in Russian.
RUS 3620
Nineteenth-Century Russian Literature
3:3:0  On Sufficient Demand
* Prerequisite(s): [(RUS 3030 and RUS 3040) or RUS 3050] and University Advanced Standing
Chronologically introduces representative Russian authors from 1800. Emphasizes literary analysis and criticism, explores literary history, develops skills in interpreting literary texts, and deepens understanding of the Russian language. All course work conducted in Russian.

RUS 366G
Twentieth Century Russian Culture
3:3:0
* Prerequisite(s): (ENGL 2010 or ENGL 2020) and University Advanced Standing
Explores the main Russian cultural influences of the 20th century. Examines the cultural, social and political movements developed from roughly 1880-1999 and considers the main figures who embody these movements. Focuses on individuals who exemplify cultural achievements in their given field or sphere of influence. Requires a research paper that focuses on an individual who contributed to the 20th century cultural milieu. Taught in English.

RUS 367G (Cross-listed with: HIST 367G)
History of Russian Film
3:2:2
* Prerequisite(s): (ENGL 2010 or ENGL 2020) and University Advanced Standing
Studies Russian cinema within the historical, cultural, thematic, and aesthetic context.

RUS 4050
Special Problems in Grammar Usage and Style
3:3:1  On Sufficient Demand
* Prerequisite(s): [(RUS 3030 and RUS 3040) or RUS 3050] and University Advanced Standing
Reviews Russian grammar focusing on problem areas. Explores grammar as deployed in different genres. Emphasizes writing in different styles. Identifies styles in readings and compose according to certain styles.

RUS 4110
Translation and Interpretation
3:3:0  On Sufficient Demand
* Prerequisite(s): (RUS 3050 or equivalent) and University Advanced Standing
Introduces translation as a discipline. Develops the special skills needed for translating and interpreting, and to achieve mastery of the contemporary spoken and written language. Discusses basic theory, principles and tools of translation. Employs the tools of translation: dictionaries, glossaries, grammars, and computerized resources. Focuses on the extensive practice of translation and interpretation from English to Russian and from Russian to English.

RUS 416G
Post Soviet Russian Media and Film
3:2:2  On Sufficient Demand
* Prerequisite(s): (ENGL 2010 or ENGL 2020) and University Advanced Standing
Examines visual media with special attention paid to the embedded cultural discourse that can only be understood with references to Russian history, language, and cultural identity. Explores Russia's depiction of and relationship with its past, present and future. Explores certain questions about visual media in post-Soviet society: the function of cinema in the new Russia; how cinema offers what reality cannot -- a goal for people to live up to at a time when politics and ideology fail to provide direction; how cinema articulates the reality of contemporary Russian life.

RUS 490R
Special Topics in Russian Studies
3:3:0  On Sufficient Demand
* Prerequisite(s): (ENGL 2010 or ENGL 2020) and University Advanced Standing
Explores a variety of subjects relevant to the study of Russian language, literature and culture. Engages students in critical analysis and discourse. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits toward graduation.