RUSSIAN (RUSS)

# Course numbers with the # symbol included (e.g. #400) have not been taught in the last 3 years.

RUSS 401 - Elementary Russian I
Credits: 4
For students without previous training in Russian. An introduction to contemporary standard Russian. Includes a cultural component. Topics include those which enable students to function in Russian in everyday situations (i.e. food, leisure activities, literature, transportation, music, sports, daily life).

RUSS 402 - Elementary Russian II
Credits: 4
For students without previous training in Russian. An introduction to contemporary standard Russian. Includes a cultural component. Topics include those which enable students to function in Russian in everyday situations (i.e. food, leisure activities, literature, transportation, music, sports, daily life.) Prereq: RUSS 401 or equivalent. Cannot be taken separately except with permission of instructor.
Attributes: Foreign Language Requirement

RUSS #425 - Introduction to Russia: Contemporary Society and Culture
Credits: 4
Introduction to contemporary Russian society and culture in English. Examines the "Russian mind" (as it was before 1917), the "Soviet mind," and how the two have clashed. A closer examination of how the Russians are adapting to the changes that have taken place in their country since the collapse of communism. Readings, films, realia. Themes to be discussed include leadership; authority and power; the Russian soul; family, women, youth, education, holidays and celebrations; and the new Russians.
Attributes: World Cultures(Discovery)
Equivalent(s): RUSS 425M, RUSS 425T, WLCE 425R

RUSS 425M - Topics in Russian Culture and Society in Moscow
Credits: 4
Introduction to contemporary Russian society and culture in English. Examines the "Russian mind" (as it was before 1917), the "Soviet mind" and how the two have clashed. A closer examination of how the Russians are adapting to the changes that have taken place in their country since the collapse of communism. Readings, film, realia. Themes to be discussed include leadership, authority and power, the Russian soul, family, women, youth, education, holidays and celebrations, and the new Russians. Through pre-departure readings and on location, each culture and historical topic is taught on site during field trips and after field trip discussions, lectures, and round tables. A focused topic is explored on location with pre- and post program research. Permission required.
Attributes: World Cultures(Discovery)
Equivalent(s): RUSS 425, RUSS 425T, WLCE 425R

RUSS 500 - Selected Topics in World Literature
Credits: 4
Topics are chosen that introduce students to major themes and genres. May be repeated for credit.
Equivalent(s): CLAS 500, FREN 500, GERM 500, ITAL 500, PORT 500, RUSS 500W, SPAN 500, WLCE 500

RUSS 500W - Topics in World Literature
Credits: 4
Topics are chosen that introduce students to major themes and genres. May be repeated for credit.
Attributes: Writing Intensive Course
Equivalent(s): CLAS 500, FREN 500, GERM 500, ITAL 500, PORT 500, RUSS 500, SPAN 500, WLCE 500

RUSS 503 - Intermediate Russian I
Credits: 4
Continued work in grammar, and writing with cultural components. A review of the fundamentals of grammar and syntax. Readings and cultural material included. Topics include: the university, student life, everyday routines, holidays.
Attributes: World Cultures(Discovery)
Equivalent(s): RUSS 502

RUSS 504 - Intermediate Russian II
Credits: 4
Continued work in grammar, and writing with cultural components. A review of the fundamentals of grammar and syntax. Readings and cultural material included. Topics include: description of people, living arrangements, weather, cities, travel.
Attributes: World Cultures(Discovery)

RUSS 521W - Devils, Deities, and Madness in Russian Literature
Credits: 4
Introduces Russian literature from a variety of perspectives. Selected works by famous and lesser known Russian writers on the themes of devils, deities, and madness. Literary texts, as well as film versions of literary texts, are considered in their historical and cultural contexts. Lectures, readings, and discussions in English. Open to all students, including freshmen. No prerequisites.
Attributes: Humanities(Disc); Inquiry (Discovery); Writing Intensive Course
Equivalent(s): RUSS 521, WLCE 521R

RUSS #522W - Morality, Sex and Revolution in Russian Literature
Credits: 4
Introduces Russian literature from a variety of perspectives. Selected works by famous and lesser known Russian writers on themes of morality, sex, and revolution. Literary texts, as well as film versions of literary texts, are considered in their historical and cultural contexts. Lectures, readings, and discussions in English. Open to all students, including freshmen. No prerequisites.
Attributes: Humanities(Disc); Inquiry (Discovery); Writing Intensive Course
Equivalent(s): RUSS 522, WLCE 522R

RUSS 525 - Russia: Mythology and Propaganda
Credits: 4
Exploration of the relationship between mythology and culture as a part of the cultural identity of the Russian people, before the 1917 Revolution, during the Communist period, and since the fall of the Soviet Union. Focus on pre 1917 Slavic pagan, Christian, and folk mythology vis-a-vis Western mythology, on 20C propaganda and control of the "public mind" designed to reshape national identity and on the current deconstruction, reform, and rebirth of the old mythology.
Attributes: Historical Perspectives(Disc)
RUSS 525M - Russia: Mythology and Propaganda in Moscow
Credits: 4
Exploration of the relationship between mythology and culture as a part of the cultural identity of the Russian people, before the 1917 Revolution, during the Communist period, and since the fall of the Soviet Union. Focus on pre 1917 Slavic pagan, Christian, and folk mythology vis-a-vis Western mythology, on 20C propaganda and control of the "public mind" designed to reshape national identity and on the current deconstruction, reform, and rebirth of the old mythology. Course conducted on location in Russia and on line. Special fee.
Co-requisite: INCO 589
Attributes: Historical Perspectives (Disc)

RUSS 531 - Russian Language for Heritage Speakers
Credits: 4
Intensive 5 week on-line course for Russian heritage speakers. Learn cursive Cyrillic; spelling rules, language structure. Build vocabulary to achieve a higher level of language expression. Grammar topics based on culture related text. Course is fully on line (quizzes, tests, video, supporting materials, on line meetings.) For students who can speak Russian, but who have not formally learned Russian. Special fee.

RUSS #593 - Myths, Visions and Issues in Russian Literature and Society
Credits: 4
Discussion and analysis of topics and authors in Russian literature, film, and culture. A variety of different topics or authors is covered each semester: (A) the Giants of Russian Literature: Dostoevsky and Tolstoy, (B) Dostoevsky, (C) Tolstoy, (D) Jewish Voices in the Russian Empire, (E) The Devil in Russian Literature, (F) The Myth of St. Petersburg, (G) Death and Revolution, (H) Russian Fairy Tales, (I) Drama, (J) Women's Voices, etc. Lectures, readings, and films with English subtitles, and discussions in English. Open to all students.
Equivalent(s): RUSS 593W, WLCE 593R

RUSS 595 - Russian Practicum
Credits: 2
Participants earn credit for approved, uncompensated, pre-professional activities and special projects, including K-12 outreach, assistant in undergraduate courses, work with professional organizations, businesses, social services, non-profits, NGOs or educational organizations in a Russian context and with on-site supervision. Writing assignments are required and vary depending upon the project. Enrollment limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors who are Russian majors and have a B or above average in Russian language courses. Cr/F.
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits.

RUSS 601 - Russian Conversation and Phonetics
Credits: 4
Practical application of fundamental phonetic theory of spoken Russian. Designed to increase fluency and accuracy in conversation. Special attention is paid to enhancing vocabulary skills in everyday situations. Prereq: RUSS 504 with a grade C or better. Permission.

RUSS 631 - Advanced Russian Conversation and Composition
Credits: 4
Advanced spoken and written Russian designed to include all four language skills (speaking, reading, writing, listening.) Readings on contemporary cultural topics and vocabulary building. Composition and conversation based on Russian-language media and literature.
RUSS 725M - Topics in Russian Culture and Society in Moscow
Credits: 4
Historical, social, political, intellectual and artistic developments in Russia that have influenced contemporary Russian society and culture. Designed to give a deeper introspection into Modern Russian and its society, and a firsthand dialogue with the most significant sites in Russian civilization. Through pre-departure readings and on location, each cultural and historical topic is taught on site during field trips and after field trip discussions. Readings, class discussions, and films. Conducted entirely in Russian. A focus topic is explored on location with pre and post program research. Prereq: RUSS 504 or equivalent.
Equivalent(s): RUSS 725, RUSS 725T, RUSS 725W

RUSS 733 - History of Slavic Languages and Culture
Credits: 4
Students look at modern Russian (standard and dialects) through the perspective of the history of the language. Focuses on the evolution of phonetics and grammar as well as etymology. Russian's relation to other Slavic languages is discussed. Students look at the language through the lens of history, culture, and politics.
Equivalent(s): RUSS 533, RUSS 790

RUSS 790W - Advanced Language and Style
Credits: 4
For students who have a strong, active control of grammar. The most difficult problems of Russian grammar and syntax in poetry and prose. Develops confidence in expression both in everyday situations and in abstract concepts (emphasis on the latter). The course is tailored to students' major and interest (such as international affairs, history, political science, etc) so they can use the language towards their research in Russian. Prereq: grade of C or better in last Russian language course taken. May be repeated for credit, barring duplication of material.
Attributes: Writing Intensive Course
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.
Equivalent(s): RUSS 790

RUSS 795 - Independent Study
Credits: 1-4
Open to highly qualified juniors and seniors. To be elected only with permission of the Russian program coordinator and the supervising faculty member or members. Barring duplication of subject, may be repeated for credit.
Repeat Rule: May be repeated up to 4 times.

RUSS 796 - Independent Study
Credits: 1-4
Open to highly qualified juniors and seniors. To be elected only with permission of the Russian program coordinator and the supervising faculty member or members. Barring duplication of subject, may be repeated for credit.
Repeat Rule: May be repeated up to 4 times.

RUSS 797 - Special Studies in Russian Language, Literature, and Culture
Credits: 2 or 4
Selected topics in language, literature, and culture. Barring duplication of subject, may be repeated for credit.
Attributes: Writing Intensive Course
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.

RUSS 798 - Special Studies in Russian Language, Literature, and Culture
Credits: 2 or 4
Selected topics in language, literature, and culture. Barring duplication of subject, may be repeated for credit.
Attributes: Writing Intensive Course
Repeat Rule: May be repeated up to 4 times.