RUSSIAN (RUSS)

The Russian program provides students with an opportunity to study one of the world's most important languages, its literature and its culture. In addition to the intrinsic value of Russian language, literature and culture as a liberal arts experience, the Russian major leads to a number of careers, such as teaching, translation and interpreting, government and the Foreign Service. It is also a valuable asset in preparing for careers in law, economics and international trade, and it can serve as a double major with business administration, international affairs, homeland security, the natural and physical sciences, and other liberal arts fields such as English, history, political science, sociology, philosophy, theatre, communication, linguistics and other foreign languages.

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**Programs**

- Russian Major (B.A.) (http://catalog.unh.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/programs-study/russian/russian-major-ba)
- Russian Minor (http://catalog.unh.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/programs-study/russian/russian-minor)
- Russian Studies Minor (http://catalog.unh.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/programs-study/russian/russian-studies-minor)

**Courses**

**Russian (RUSS)**

**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 #593W - 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, assisting 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 632 - 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 680 - UNH Russia Summer Study Abroad  
Credits: 0  
Summer study abroad program facilitated by the UNH Russia Program. This course is a placeholder for the study abroad program fee. Students register for both this administrative course number and two Russian courses offered on the program.  
Co-requisite: INCO 589

RUSS 685 - Study Abroad  
Credits: 16  
Studies at a Russian institution of higher learning. Interested students should consult with a Russian advisor. Special fee. Cr/F. (IA grade will be assigned until official transcript is received from the foreign institution.)

RUSS 686 - Study Abroad  
Credits: 4-16  
Studies at a Russian institution of higher learning. Interested students should consult with a Russian advisor. Special fee. Cr/F. (IA grade will be assigned until official transcript is received from the foreign institution.)

RUSS 691W - Readings in Russian Literature  
Credits: 1-4  
Linguistic and stylistic characteristics of one of the major works in Russian literature. Study of the epoch when the work was written, as well as reading the literary work and discussing it. Students learn to analyze a literary work in the target language. Readings, class discussions, and papers conducted entirely in Russian.  
Attributes: Writing Intensive Course  
Equivalent(s): RUSS 691
RUSS #693 - Myths, Visions and Issues in Russian Literature and Society  
Credits: 4  
Same as RUSS #593, except that in addition majors are required to do selected readings in Russian and/or conduct research assignments in English on a specified topic. Final project required. Writing intensive option.  
Equivalent(s): RUSS 693W  

RUSS 721 - Topics in Contemporary Russian Literature: From Chekhov to Post-Modernism  
Credits: 4  
Reading, discussion, and close analysis of works of prose fiction and/or poetry from post-19th-century Russian literature within various contexts (literary-historical, socio-political, cultural, artistic, etc.) of the given period. All readings, written assignments, and class discussion in Russian. Prereq: RUSS 691 or equivalent or by permission. Special fee. Writing intensive.  
Attributes: Writing Intensive Course  
Equivalent(s): RUSS 721W  

RUSS 725 - Topics in Russian Culture and Society  
Credits: 4  
Historical, geographical, social, political, intellectual and artistic developments in Russia that have influenced contemporary Russian society and culture. Readings, class discussions, and films. Conducted entirely in Russian. Special fee. Writing intensive.  
Attributes: Writing Intensive Course  
Equivalent(s): RUSS 725M, RUSS 725T, RUSS 725W  

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.  

Faculty  
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