

## Russian

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### Overview

Russia is one of the most important countries in the world. Covering eleven time zones, it stretches from Europe to the Pacific. Its language is spoken by over 150 million people, and the riches of its thousand-year-old civilization have influenced people all over the world. The Russian language program offers three years of Russian; advanced courses may be offered in some semesters.

### About our Courses

Courses in Russian can also be used as part of the social sciences interdisciplinary studies major, as well as the European studies concentration in the interdisciplinary program in the humanities.

### Practical Experience and Special Academic Opportunities

For study abroad options, see the Study Abroad section in this catalog or contact the Study Abroad Programs office at (716) 645-3912.

Students wishing to satisfy the requirements for teaching certification should plan their programs with particular care in order to accommodate the required semester of the professional sequence during their senior year. For certification requirements, students should contact the Teacher Education Institute, Graduate School of Education, 375 Baldy Hall.

### Career Information and Further Study

The opening of Russia to the West has meant many new job opportunities for students who know Russian. UB graduates are working in the American Embassy in Moscow and the American consulate in St. Petersburg, and teaching English in Kyrgyzstan. There are also jobs in business, banking, law, journalism, research, government intelligence services, immigration, education, new technologies, and social services. The study of Russian is an ideal complement for a wide variety of majors. For more detailed information on jobs, consult the Department of Linguistics.

#### **RUS 101: Elementary Russian 1st Semester**

**Credits:** 5  
**Type:** LEC

Provides a basic introduction to pronunciation, reading, writing, and conversation; introduces cultural topics.

#### **RUS 102: Elementary Russian 2nd Semester**

**Credits:** 5  
**Pre-requisites:** [RUS 101](#)  
**Type:** LEC

Provides a basic introduction to pronunciation, reading, writing, and conversation; introduces cultural topics.

#### **RUS 104: Russian for Native Speakers**

**Credits:** 5  
**Type:** LEC

For students who have either 1) had previous experience with Russian but would benefit from a review before going into intermediate level courses, or 2) been exposed to Russian informally in their home setting, but who do not speak Russian fluently, have not had any formal training in Russian, and are not literate in Russian.

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### RUS 223: Intermediate Russian 1st Semester

**Credits:** 5  
**Semester(s):** Fall  
**Pre-requisites:** [RUS 101](#) Or [RUS 102](#)  
**Type:** LEC

Sequel to [RUS 101-RUS 102](#). Continues the study of basic grammar. Communicative topics include weather, phone conversations, travel, movies, TV, reading, free time, health, and holidays. Involves further work with authentic reading and listening materials and practical writing tasks.

### RUS 224: Intermediate Russian 2nd Semester

**Credits:** 5  
**Semester(s):** Spring  
**Pre-requisites:** [RUS 223](#)  
**Type:** LEC

Sequel to [RUS 101-RUS 102](#). Continues the study of basic grammar. Communicative topics include weather, phone conversations, travel, movies, TV, reading, free time, health, and holidays. Involves further work with authentic reading and listening materials and practical writing tasks.

### RUS 229: Women in Russian Literature

**Credits:** 3  
**Type:** LEC

Major women writers from the beginning of Russian literature to the present.

### RUS 301: Third-Year Russian 1st Semester

**Credits:** 3  
**Pre-requisites:** [RUS 224](#)  
**Type:** LEC

Develops reading, conversation, and grammar, focusing on Russian culture. Topics include meeting people, weddings, family issues, Russian cooking, traditions and customs, nature, art, and the Russian soul.

### RUS 302: Third-Year Russian 2nd Semester

**Credits:** 3  
**Type:** LEC

Develops reading, conversation, and grammar, focusing on Russian culture. Topics include meeting people, weddings, family issues, Russian cooking, traditions and customs, nature, art, and the Russian soul.

### RUS 311: Russian Culture

**Credits:** 3  
**Type:** LEC

Examines highlights of Russian culture, including art, architecture, music, literature, religion, food, customs, the Russian soul, the

burning question of what it means to be Russian, and Russia's relationship to the West.

### RUS 324: Russian Literature in Translation

**Credits:** 3  
**Type:** LEC

Selection of readings from Russian literature in English translation.

### RUS 350: Russian Topics: Culture and Literature

**Credits:** 3  
**Type:** LEC

*The content of this course is variable and therefore it is repeatable for credit. The [University Grade Repeat Policy](#) does not apply.*

Explores a selected topic in Russian linguistics, literature, or cultural history.

### RUS 408: Fourth-Year Russian

**Credits:** 3  
**Type:** LEC

Engages students in advanced Russian conversation and composition.

### RUS 422: Russia Culture

**Credits:** 3  
**Type:** SEM

Seminar on specific topics in contemporary Russian culture.

### RUS 426: 19th Century and 20th Century Literary Masterpieces

**Credits:** 3  
**Type:** LEC

Seminar on specific topics in contemporary Russian culture.

### RUS 499: Independent Study

**Credits:** 1-16  
**Type:** TUT

Supplements regular offerings of the department. Students must secure the instructor's permission before registering for independent study.