RUSSIAN (RUSS)

RUSS Class Schedule (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/ RUSS)

Courses

RUSS 101  First-Year Russian I  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ RUSS/101)
Oral-aural practice and elements of grammar, reading, and writing. For students who have no credit in Russian.

RUSS 102  First-Year Russian II  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ RUSS/102)

RUSS 115  Intro to Russian Culture  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ RUSS/115)
Introduction to the culture of Russia and the USSR. Course addresses two central themes. First, the very distinctiveness of Russian culture, and the functions of that notion within Russia and for outsiders; Second, Russia as a cultural space between East and West. We will explore Russian culture through the following, the language(s); foundational narratives of collective memory going back to the medieval times; the cultural impact of colonial subjugation both by and of peoples to the East, South, and West; Russian Orthodox's connection with the political and cultural spheres; peak achievements in literature, music, architecture and visual arts. Same as REES 116. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Humanities - Lit Arts

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RUSS 191  Freshman Honors Tutorial  credit: 1 to 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/RUSS/191)
Study of selected topics on an individually arranged basis. Open only to honors majors or to Cohn Scholars. May be repeated one time. Prerequisite: Consent of departmental honors advisor.

RUSS 199  Undergraduate Open Seminar  credit: 1 to 5 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/RUSS/199)
May be repeated.

RUSS 201  Second-Year Russian I  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/RUSS/201)
Oral-aural practice, systematic functional grammar, reading, and writing. Prerequisite: RUSS 102 or equivalent.

RUSS 202  Second-Year Russian II  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ RUSS/202)
Systematic review of the structure of Russian covered in RUSS 101, RUSS 102, and RUSS 201 through class lectures, drills, and homework exercises. Prerequisite: RUSS 201.

RUSS 219  Russian Cinema Survey  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ RUSS/219)
Survey of Russian and Soviet film, from Eisenstein to the present. Weekly film screenings. No knowledge of Russian required.

RUSS 220  Golden Age of Russian Lit  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ RUSS/220)
Survey of Russian literature in the long 19th century; romanticism, realism, nationalism, orientalism, empire; writers may include Pushkin, Gogol, Lermontov, Pavlov, Turgeniev, Dostoevsky, Tolstoy, Chekhov, and others; reading and discussion in English. Same as CWL 227. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Humanities - Lit Arts

RUSS 225  Russian Lit and Revolution  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ RUSS/225)
Major works from 1900 to the present; futurism, modernism, Stalinism, post-modernism, and after; writers may include Mayakovskiy, Babel, Olesha, Akhmatova, Bulgakov, Nabokov, Solzhenitsyn, Tolstaya, and others; readings and discussion in English. Same as CWL 249. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Humanities - Lit Arts

RUSS 260  Medicine & Russian Literature  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ RUSS/260)
Examines cultural significance of medicine and the figure of the physician, and understandings of illness and health, primarily in literature of Russia and the USSR from the 1860s to present. Asks what larger issues are at stake in the literary representation of medical practice by physicians and non-physicians alike in the Russian and Soviet contexts; investigates what medicine and literature offer each other, and the bearing on this of the latter's formal, aesthetic qualities. Considers how medical practice is conditioned by the broader culture, how medical discourse, knowingly or unknowingly, "borrows" from, is conditioned by, or otherwise reciprocally involved with other greater or peripheral discursive spheres. Reads fiction by leading literary figures who were physicians (Chekhov, Bulgakov, Veresaev, and Aksyonov); fiction by "lay" authors about doctors and medical practice (such as Solzhenitsyn); memoirs by physicians (tales of training and practice, apologies, denunciations); memoirs by patients; 'real' and fictional case histories; theoretical and methodological readings. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Humanities - Lit Arts

RUSS 261  Intro Russian-Jewish Culture  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ RUSS/261)
Introduction to the interaction of the intellectual, artistic, political, social, and religious life of the Jewish community in Russia through film, literature, art and historical record. Same as HIST 261. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Humanities - Hist Phil

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RUSS 290  Readings in Russian  credit: 1 to 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ RUSS/290)
Individual topics or projects chosen in consultation with a Slavic Department representative. May be repeated to a maximum of 8 hours. Prerequisite: RUSS 202 or equivalent proficiency.

RUSS 301  Third Year Russian I  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ RUSS/301)
Grammar review; training in writing Russian; translation from English and free composition. Prerequisite: RUSS 202 or consent of instructor.
RUSS 302  Third Year Russian II  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/RUSS/302)
Practice in intermediate-level speaking, listening, reading, and writing, based upon advanced grammar and conversation topics and upon readings from current fiction and non-fiction. Students are expected to write essays and give oral reports based on in-class assignments and outside interests. Prerequisite: RUSS 301 or consent of department.

RUSS 305  Business Russian  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/RUSS/305)
Basic tools and skills for conducting business in Russian, including introduction to Russian economy, banking, insurance, media, internet technology, advertising, law and culture, practicum in writing the c.v and business correspondence in Russian. Prerequisite: Successful completion of RUSS 301 or consent of instructor.

RUSS 320  Russian Writers  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/RUSS/320)
Focused study of the work of a single Russian writer, or the comparison of that writer with another major author, in translation. No Russian required. Same as CWL 321. May be repeated in separate terms to a maximum of 6 hours, if topics vary. Prerequisite: At least one other college literature course or consent of instructor.

RUSS 322  Dostoevsky  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/RUSS/322)
Introduction to the major works of Fyodor Mikhailovich Dostoevsky. No Russian required. Same as CWL 324 and ENGL 322. May be repeated up to 6 credit hours in separate terms. Prerequisite: At least one other college literature course or consent of instructor.

RUSS 323  Tolstoy  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/RUSS/323)
Introduction to the major works of Lev Tolstoy. No Russian required. Same as CWL 323 and ENGL 323. May be repeated up to 6 credit hours in separate terms, if topics vary. Prerequisite: One other college literature course or consent of instructor.

RUSS 325  Chekhov  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/RUSS/325)
Introduction to the major works of playwright and author Anton Chekhov. Same as CWL 325 and THEA 362. Prerequisite: At least one other literature course or consent of instructor.

RUSS 335  Nabokov  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/RUSS/335)
Nabokov's Russian and American novels read in a comparative context. All works in English, no knowledge of Russian is required. Same as CWL 335. Prerequisite: At least one other college-level literature course or consent of instructor.

RUSS 401  Fourth Year Russian I  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/RUSS/401)
Practice in advanced speaking, listening, reading, and writing, based upon reading selected from current fiction and non-fiction, and covering a wide variety of styles: literary, conversational, scientific, etc. Course taught in Russian. Students are expected to write essays and give oral reports based on what they read in class and on their outside interests. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: Three years of college Russian or consent of instructor.

RUSS 402  Fourth Year Russian II  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/RUSS/402)
Practice in advanced speaking, listening, reading, and writing, based upon reading selected from current fiction and non-fiction, and covering a wide variety of styles: literary, conversational, scientific, etc. Course taught in Russian. Students are expected to write essays and give oral reports based on what they read in class and on their outside interests. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: RUSS 401 or consent of instructor.

RUSS 418  18th Century Literature  credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/RUSS/418)
Reading of texts; historical and literary background of the period. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours.

RUSS 424  Russian Modernism  credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/RUSS/424)
Representative works of the period 1880 to 1917, with emphasis on Chekhov, Gorky, and Blok; readings for non-majors and class discussions in English. Same as CWL 457. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: Junior standing or consent of instructor.

RUSS 438  Modern Russian Poetry  credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/RUSS/438)
Study of major Russian poets and their works from romanticism to the present. Historical background, textual analysis and connections with Western European poetry. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

RUSS 444  Problems in Romanticism  credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/RUSS/444)
Study of major authors of the romantic period, and some lesser authors. Historical background, textual analysis, and connections with Western European romanticism. Same as CWL 444. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

RUSS 445  Problems in Realism  credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/RUSS/445)
Study of the major texts of nineteenth century Russian realism, including works by Turgenev, Goncharov, Nekrasov, Dostoevsky, and Tolstoy. Historical background, relevant intellectual currents, textual analysis, and connections with Western European realist authors. Same as CWL 445. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

RUSS 460  Russian Culture Studies  credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/RUSS/460)
Role of Russian literature in the social, political, and intellectual life of Russia from the 1840s to the present. Same as CWL 440. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: Junior standing.

RUSS 461  Russia and the Other  credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/RUSS/461)
Interdisciplinary and comparative topics including, but not limited to: Russia and the West, Russia and the East, the Cold War, and post-Soviet cultural studies. Same as CWL 466. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 undergraduate hours or 8 graduate hours. Prerequisite: Russian course at the 200 or 300 level or consent of instructor.
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