Russian

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The Department of German and Russian Studies offers courses in German and Russian language, literature, film, and civilization. It also offers instruction in Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, and Korean. Many courses, such as civilization, culture, literature in translation, and film courses, do not require knowledge of a foreign language. The department offers the Bachelor of Arts with majors in German, in Russian, and in the Master of Arts in German, and in Russian and Slavonic Studies. The department also offers minors in German, Russian, Chinese, Japanese, and Korean. Many courses in the minor in East Asian Studies are taught in the Department of German and Russian Studies.

Faculty

Associate Professor M. Kelly*
Associate Professor T. Langen*
Teaching Professor N. Monnier*

* Graduate Faculty Member - membership is required to teach graduate-level courses, chair master's thesis committees, and serve on doctoral examination and dissertation committees.

** Doctoral Faculty Member - membership is required to chair doctoral examination or dissertation committees. Graduate faculty membership is a prerequisite for Doctoral faculty membership.

Undergraduate

- BA in Russian (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/russian/ba-russian/)
- Minor in Russian (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/russian/minor-russian/)

Dual Degrees and Double Majors

As a double major or a dual degree has become an ever more popular choice, an increasing number of students choose German or Russian as one of their majors. Students looking forward to a career in medicine or in the sciences use a double major to ensure a thorough background in the humanities to balance their scientific studies. Double majors within the College of Arts and Science can be arranged and, if the second degree program is identified early, dual degree programs outside the college are also possible. Combined programs with journalism, international studies, education and business are frequent choices. Within the college, combinations with political science, history, philosophy, art history, and the sciences are popular double major programs.

Departmental Honors - Russian

Departmental Honors are available for student majoring in Russian with a minimum 3.5 GPA in the Russian major and 3.3 GPA overall. Students must complete a minimum of three literature courses, two of which must be at the 4000 level, with no grades below a B. At the discretion of the department, students may write a thesis paper in lieu of one of the 4000 level literature courses.

Graduate

- MA in Russian and Slavonic Studies (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/russian/ma-russian-slavonic-studies/)

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Director of Graduate Studies: Martha Kelly

The Master of Arts program in Russian [and Slavonic] Studies is a two-year, intensive course of study with emphasis on literature and intellectual history and options for cross-disciplinary coursework. Over two years, students develop a broad knowledge of Russian culture and history, with opportunities for specialized and also comparative research, as well as graduate minors in other fields. They receive careful advising and mentoring to help them develop their study, research, and career goals. Students graduate with strengthened skills in critical thought, research, oral and written communication and intercultural fluency.

Careers

Students may go on to careers in a number of fields, including policy, government work, teaching and international business; they will also be prepared to continue their studies at the doctoral level.

Facilities and Resources

The library of the University of Missouri is particularly strong in Russian literature, history and culture. We are also part of a consortium that provides quick access to the holdings of many other major academic and public libraries.

Financial Support

In this program, qualified graduate students may have the opportunity to work as teaching assistants in language, literature or civilization courses. (Occasionally students may work as Graduate Research Assistants [GRAs].) Incoming graduate students are normally offered paid positions as Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTAs) are normally appointed for one academic year (two semesters/ nine months). The Fall Semester runs from late August to mid-December; the Spring Semester from mid-January to mid-May. GTA appointments are normally renewed for the second year of study when teaching and progress towards the degree are satisfactory. At present the GTA position provides a stipend of approximately $16,000 per year. In addition, tuition for courses taken toward the MA are waived for GTAs (and also qualified GRAs). Some programs require an extra form or statement from those who wish to be considered for internal assistantships, fellowships or other funding packages. Check the program website or ask the program contact for details. The Graduate School offers several valuable fellowships for which the department may nominate incoming students.

RUSS 1100: Elementary Russian I

Five hours of classroom instruction, with one hour lab work weekly. For beginners with no prior knowledge of Russian.

Credit Hours: 6
RUSS 1200: Elementary Russian II
Five hours of classroom instruction, with one hour lab work weekly.
Credit Hours: 6
Prerequisites: C- or better in RUSS 1100 or equivalent, or instructor consent

RUSS 2001: Undergraduate Topics in Russian-General
Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and credits may vary from semester to semester. May be repeated for credit with departmental consent.
Credit Hour: 1-3

RUSS 2005: Undergraduate Topics in Russian-Humanities
Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and credits may vary from semester to semester. May be repeated for credit with departmental consent. No language credit.
Credit Hour: 1-3

RUSS 2100: Classics and Iconoclasts: An Introduction to Russian Literature
Designed to introduce students to some of the major genres, issues, and approaches in the study of Russian literature. Begins with the most classic of Russian authors, the so-called ‘father of Russian literature’ Aleksandr Pushkin, then moves on to two ‘classics’ from the 19th century (Gogol, Chekhov) and two ‘iconoclasts’ from the first part of the 20th (Mayakovsky, Kharms). Covers a range of genres, including poetry, short story, and drama, as well as letters, essays and manifestoes. Course reading list includes secondary essays that both shed light on specific texts/authors as well as provide models for critical and theoretical approaches to literature, with an emphasis on Russian Formalism. Readings and discussions in English; no knowledge of Russian language or literature required.
Credit Hours: 3

RUSS 2100W: Classics and Iconoclasts: An Introduction to Russian Literature - Writing Intensive
Designed to introduce students to some of the major genres, issues, and approaches in the study of Russian literature. Begins with the most classic of Russian authors, the so-called ‘father of Russian literature’ Aleksandr Pushkin, then moves on to two ‘classics’ from the 19th century (Gogol, Chekhov) and two ‘iconoclasts’ from the first part of the 20th (Mayakovsky, Kharms). Covers a range of genres, including poetry, short story, and drama, as well as letters, essays and manifestoes. Course reading list includes secondary essays that both shed light on specific texts/authors as well as provide models for critical and theoretical approaches to literature, with an emphasis on Russian Formalism. Readings and discussions in English; no knowledge of Russian language or literature required.
Credit Hours: 3

RUSS 2130: Second-Year Russian I
Students will solidify their command of Russian grammar and begin developing their reading skills.
Credit Hours: 4
Prerequisites: RUSS 1200, equivalent, or instructor's consent

RUSS 2160: Second-Year Russian II
Continuation of RUSS 2130.
Credit Hours: 4
Prerequisites: RUSS 2130 or equivalent, or instructor's consent

RUSS 2301: Between Heaven and Earth: Russian Civilization
Survey of Russian culture from the Christianization of the Slavic peoples to late imperial period. No foreign language credit.
Credit Hours: 3

RUSS 2310W: Between Heaven and Earth: Russian Civilization - Writing Intensive
Survey of Russian culture from the Christianization of the Slavic peoples to late imperial period. No foreign language credit.
Credit Hours: 3

RUSS 2320: The Arts of Survival: Civilization in Soviet Times
Historical, social, and artistic topics. No foreign language credit.
Credit Hours: 3

RUSS 2320W: The Arts of Survival: Civilization in Soviet Times - Writing Intensive
Historical, social, and artistic topics. No foreign language credit.
Credit Hours: 3

RUSS 2340: Icons and Revolutions: Russia from its Beginnings to Today
A survey of Russian culture and history from the pre-Christian era to the present. Topics will include politics, religion, philosophy, literature, music, and visual art. Classes and readings in English; no prior courses in Russian required. Graded on A-F basis only.
Credit Hours: 3

RUSS 2340W: Icons and Revolutions: Russia from its Beginnings to Today - Writing Intensive
A survey of Russian culture and history from the pre-Christian era to the present. Topics will include politics, religion, philosophy, literature, music, and visual art. Classes and readings in English; no prior courses in Russian required. Graded on A-F basis only.
Credit Hours: 3

RUSS 2865: The Art of Soviet and Russian Cinema
(tsame as FILMS_VS 2865), Topics (e.g. Distorted Picture: Post-War Cinema in the Soviet State, Cinema in the Soviet Times and Beyond, etc.) announced at time of registration. Only 6 hours may be taken towards major.
Credit Hours: 3

RUSS 2865W: The Art of Soviet and Russian Cinema - Writing Intensive
(tsame as FILMS_VS 2865), Topics (e.g. Distorted Picture: Post-War Cinema in the Soviet State, Cinema in the Soviet Times and Beyond,
RUSS 3001: Topics in Russian-General
Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and earnable credit may vary from semester to semester. May be repeated for credit with departmental consent.
Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: sophomore standing

RUSS 3005: Topics in Russian-Humanities
Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and earnable credit may vary from semester to semester. May be repeated for credit with departmental consent.
Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: sophomore standing

RUSS 3005W: Topics in Russian-Humanities - Writing Intensive
Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and earnable credit may vary from semester to semester. May be repeated for credit with departmental consent.
Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: sophomore standing

RUSS 3130: Intermediate Russian
Normally taken as 5th semester of Russian language sequence.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Grade of C- or higher in RUSS 2160 or RUSS 3160 or instructor's consent

RUSS 3160: Intermediate Conversation and Composition
Further develops oral command of Russian as well as listening comprehension and some letter writing skills.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Grade of C- or higher in RUSS 2160 or RUSS 3130 or instructor's consent

RUSS 3380: Sinners, Saints, and Madmen: 19th Century Russian Literature
Introduction to foundational periods (Sentimentalism, Romanticism, Realism and its decline), narratives, and authors of 19th century Russian literary tradition. Traces development of the 'Russian' short story and novel forms, as well as the all-important 'Petersburg' theme.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing or instructor's consent

RUSS 3380W: Sinners, Saints, and Madmen: 19th Century Russian Literature - Writing Intensive
Introduction to foundational periods (Sentimentalism, Romanticism, Realism and its decline), narratives, and authors of 19th century Russian literary tradition. Traces development of the 'Russian' short story and novel forms, as well as the all-important 'Petersburg' theme.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing or instructor's consent

RUSS 3390: True Fictions: Russian Prose since 1900
Survey of Russian prose fiction of the twentieth and early twenty-first century. During this time Russia experienced a series of drastic changes in society and culture, and as often happens the artists responded more rapidly and insightfully than anyone else. This was a time of radical experimentation with the very nature of literature, and we will ready and examine some of the fascinating results. Course gives a short history of Russian prose fiction after 1900, offers a theory of analytical reading of imaginative prose, and hones the skills of intelligent writing about evaluative reading. Readings, lecture and discussion in English; no previous knowledge of Russian literature is assumed.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: ENGLSH 1000; sophomore standing or instructor's consent

RUSS 3390W: True Fictions: Russian Prose since 1900 - Writing Intensive
Survey of Russian prose fiction of the twentieth and early twenty-first century. During this time Russia experienced a series of drastic changes in society and culture, and as often happens the artists responded more rapidly and insightfully than anyone else. This was a time of radical experimentation with the very nature of literature, and we will ready and examine some of the fascinating results. Course gives a short history of Russian prose fiction after 1900, offers a theory of analytical reading of imaginative prose, and hones the skills of intelligent writing about evaluative reading. Readings, lecture and discussion in English; no previous knowledge of Russian literature is assumed.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: ENGLSH 1000 and sophomore standing, or instructor's consent

RUSS 3630: Russian Classics I
Reading and discussion of selected works by major Russian writers of the nineteenth century. Course conducted in Russian. May be taken before or after RUSS 3640.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: RUSS 3130 or RUSS 3160 or instructor's consent

RUSS 3640: Russian Classics II
Reading and discussion of selected works by major Russian writers of the twentieth century. Course conducted in Russian. May be taken before or after RUSS 3630.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: RUSS 3130 or RUSS 3160 or instructor's consent

RUSS 3890: Russian and Soviet Cinema
(same as FILMS_VS 3890). Survey and analysis of selected Soviet films. Emphasis on film-making as a form of art. English or subtitled. Second screenings by arr. Some films may run over 2 hrs. No foreign language credit.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing or instructor's consent
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<td>Advanced Russian Conversation</td>
<td>Advanced syntax, idiomatic constructions, and vocabulary building.</td>
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<td>Russian Poetry</td>
<td>(cross-leveled with RUSS 7420). Survey of readings in Russian poetry from its beginnings to present.</td>
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<td>RUSS 4430</td>
<td>Russian Drama</td>
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<td>Russian Prose</td>
<td>(cross-leveled with RUSS 7435). Explores the development of prose writing in modern Russian letters, paying special attention to native generic designations. Considers dual imagery of realist/naturalist and romantic/fantastic approaches. Studies diverse examples: rasskaz (story), the povest' (tale), the novella, novel essay early 19th c. through 20th c. Considers ways in which literature can itself stand as a philosophical form.</td>
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<td>RUSS 4550</td>
<td>Nabokov's Russian Fiction</td>
<td>(cross-leveled with RUSS 7550). Systematic analysis of Vladimir Nabokov's fiction, both novels and short stories. Emphasis on the artistic properties of prose. Lectures and class discussion in English. Readings in Russian (English translations for undergraduate students).</td>
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<td>(same as GERMAN 4820. FRENCH 4820). Innovative interdisciplinary course addresses issues of access to international news and specific cultural context working in cross-disciplinary teams. Students in journalism, foreign language, international studies, political science and various other disciplines track cultural developments and information on no-US Web sites, blogs and digital social networks along with exploring various historical forms of communication that preceded the digital era of the Web. Students analyze the potential and limitations/ effects of blogs and the web in specific contemporary cultural contexts and as part of the broader historical evolution of the web. The course is taught in English. The goal of this course is two-fold; students learn the particulars of web blogging, explore various features of the contemporary social network landscape while focusing on the concept of culture, in particular the cultures of Europe and the US. Questions asked are: what is culture? What is common or popular right now in other cultures? And how do new social networks amplify or alter certain features or culture across national and international contests?</td>
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Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: sophomore standing required

RUSS 4840: Totalitarianism and Culture
(same as GERMAN 4840; cross-leveled with GERMAN 7840, RUSS 7840). In this course, we will explore the politics and poetics of totalitarian culture by examining the paintings, music, sculptures, buildings, and films produced under the rule of these regimes. In the process, we will learn how Nazi and Soviet culture producers made carefully calibrated appeals to their respective mass audiences, drawing upon the German and Russian cultural traditions - and on scientific rhetorics of cultural history and racial destiny - in crafting their utopian visions of worlds transformed, wrongs righted, and societies perfected.

Credit Hours: 3
Recommended: Junior standing or above; students taking this course for WI should have taken a 2000- or 3000-level WI course before beginning this class

RUSS 4840H: Totalitarianism and Culture - Honors
(same as GERMAN 4840W; cross-leveled with GERMAN 7840, RUSS 7840). In this course, we will explore the politics and poetics of totalitarian culture by examining the paintings, music, sculptures, buildings, and films produced under the rule of these regimes. In the process, we will learn how Nazi and Soviet culture producers made carefully calibrated appeals to their respective mass audiences, drawing upon the German and Russian cultural traditions - and on scientific rhetorics of cultural history and racial destiny - in crafting their utopian visions of worlds transformed, wrongs righted, and societies perfected.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required
Recommended: Junior standing or above; students taking this course for WI should have taken a 2000- or 3000-level WI course before beginning this class

RUSS 4840HW: Totalitarianism and Culture - Honors/Writing Intensive
(same as GERMAN 4840HW; cross-leveled with GERMAN 7840, RUSS 7840). In this course, we will explore the politics and poetics of totalitarian culture by examining the paintings, music, sculptures, buildings, and films produced under the rule of these regimes. In the process, we will learn how Nazi and Soviet culture producers made carefully calibrated appeals to their respective mass audiences, drawing upon the German and Russian cultural traditions - and on scientific rhetorics of cultural history and racial destiny - in crafting their utopian visions of worlds transformed, wrongs righted, and societies perfected.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required

RUSS 4850: Revolution and Media in a Global Perspective
(same as GERMAN 4850; cross-leveled with RUSS 7850, GERMAN 7850). This course offers a historical and global survey of the rise of modern revolution, from France to Haiti to Russia to the Black Power movement and beyond. Drawing on media studies and cultural studies, we will explore how revolutions are tied up in specific medial environments. This entails asking how media spread revolution, whether in print and visual culture, in the broadcast media of the twentieth century, or in the digital landscapes of the twenty-first century, and how revolutions can be understood themselves as media events. In the process students will develop a critical vocabulary for discussing the role of media in political and cultural revolution and counter-revolution in a global perspective. Graded on A-F basis only.

Credit Hours: 3

RUSS 4850H: Revolution and Media in a Global Perspective - Honors
(same as GERMAN 4850W; cross-leveled with RUSS 7850, GERMAN 7850). This course offers a historical and global survey of the rise of modern revolution, from France to Haiti to Russia to the Black Power movement and beyond. Drawing on media studies and cultural studies, we will explore how revolutions are tied up in specific medial environments. This entails asking how media spread revolution, whether in print and visual culture, in the broadcast media of the twentieth century, or in the digital landscapes of the twenty-first century, and how revolutions can be understood themselves as media events. In the process students will develop a critical vocabulary for discussing the role of media in political and cultural revolution and counter-revolution in a global perspective. Graded on A-F basis only. Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required

Credit Hours: 3

RUSS 4850HW: Revolution and Media in a Global Perspective - Honors/Writing Intensive
(same as GERMAN 4850HW; cross-leveled with RUSS 7850, GERMAN 7850). This course offers a historical and global survey of the rise of modern revolution, from France to Haiti to Russia to the Black Power movement and beyond. Drawing on media studies and cultural studies, we will explore how revolutions are tied up in specific medial
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<td>RUSS 8220</td>
<td>Russian Intellectual History and Critical Theory I</td>
<td>Survey of Russian literary and cultural criticism of the 18th and 19th centuries. Course texts will include representative critical essays as well as selected literary texts. May be taken before or after RUSS 8230.</td>
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<td>RUSS 8510</td>
<td>The Art and Life of Pushkin</td>
<td>Gives a conceptual thematic overview of Alexander Pushkin's lyrical poetry, as well as some dramatic work and prose. Special attention paid to the parallel development of his artistic and religious beliefs. Poetry read in Russian; prose and dramatic poems in Russian and English.</td>
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<td>RUSS 8650</td>
<td>Old Church Slavonic</td>
<td>Designed to familiarize student with the phonological system, inflectional morphology and most important literature of the oldest recorded Slavic language. Comparisons of OCS to modern Slavic languages.</td>
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