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RUSN 101. Elementary Russian I. 4 Units.
Introductory course emphasizing conversational skills. Students achieve control of alphabet, sound system, and basic sentence structures in spoken and written Russian. Students must use the course material offered by the Online Language Learning Center in addition to class meetings.

RUSN 102. Elementary Russian II. 4 Units.

RUSN 201. Intermediate Russian. 4 Units.
Furthers students' ability in four basic language skills: understanding, speaking, reading and writing; expands knowledge of Russian grammar and vocabulary. Recommended preparation: RUSN 102.

RUSN 202. Introduction to Contemporary Civilization. 4 Units.
Continuation of RUSN 201; introduces contemporary Russian culture through readings and discussion. Recommended preparation: RUSN 201.

RUSN 210. Russian for Russian heritage speakers who had no exposure to formal education in Russian. 3 Units.
The course is aimed at “heritage speakers” of Russian who grew up speaking Russian in the family without a full Russian educational and cultural background. The course is designed for students who have speaking and comprehension abilities in Russian but have minimum exposure to writing and reading. Students will learn about Russian grammar (spelling rules, punctuation, word-formation, parts of speech). Readings include the works of Russian classical and contemporary authors. Multimedia materials will enhance cultural awareness.

RUSN 305. Russian Song. 1 Unit.
The Russian Song course is dedicated to the exploration and performance of vocal music from Russia and the former USSR. Russia comprises many ethnic groups and has a vast repertoire of folk music, folk instruments, and singing styles. Students will learn children's songs, art songs, "city" romances, Cossack songs, Georgian polyphony and folk dances. Each song is placed in context, with an eye towards culture, symbolism, history, poetry/lyrics, and customs. Students will look at how classical composers use Russian folk music in their long forms. The study of Chastushki, an ancient Russian village phenomenon which continues to evolve, will lead to creating students’ own stylistically appropriate poetry and ostinato. Russian percussion and other instruments will enhance the song and dance, all culminating in a final performance at the end of the semester. Offered as RUSN 305 and MUGN 310.

RUSN 311. Advanced Conversation. 3 Units.
Students work to improve fluency in spoken Russian. Topics of conversation include aspects of contemporary civilization; current vocabulary is stressed. Recommended preparation: RUSN 202.

RUSN 370. Special Topics in Russian. 3 Units.
This course is designed to address the students’ and faculty interests in specific themes or issues not otherwise covered in the curriculum. Approaches and content will vary. This course may have a focus that crosses generic, artistic, historical, disciplinary and geographical boundaries. The honing of the analytical and interpretive skills as well as development of Russian language skills are also integral objectives of the course. The class is conducted in Russian. All written assignments are in Russian. Recommended preparation: Two years of Russian. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement.

RUSN 375. Russian Literature in Translation. 3 Units.
Topics vary according to student and faculty interest. May include Russian classical and modern literature, cinema, women writers, individual authors. May count towards Russian minor. No knowledge of Russian required. Offered as RUSN 375 and WLIT 375. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement.

RUSN 399. Independent Study. 1 - 3 Units.