

# RUSSIAN

College of Liberal Arts

Department of Romance, German, Russian Languages and Literatures

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## Career Possibilities

Customs Inspector • Immigration Officer • Importer/Exporter • Foreign Service Officer • International Marketing Representative • Travel Guide • Social Worker • Linguist • Foreign Correspondent • Community Organization Worker • Lawyer • Librarian • International Student Advisor • Educator • Peace Corps Worker • Interpreter • Translator • CIA/FBI Agent (Some of these, and other careers, require additional education or experience. For more information, see [www.careers.csulb.edu](http://www.careers.csulb.edu).)

## Minor in Russian

The Minor in Russian is available to any non-Russian major.

Take all the following prerequisites:

RUSS 101A Fundamentals of Russian (4)

Prerequisite/Corequisite: Any Foundation course.

RUSS 101B Fundamentals of Russian (4)

Prerequisite/Corequisite: RUSS 101A or two years of high school Russian or equivalent. Any Foundation course.

Take twenty additional units, of which 12 units must be taken in upper-division course work:

RUSS 201A Intermediate Russian (4)

Prerequisite: RUSS101B or three years of high school Russian or equivalent. Prerequisite/Corequisite: Any Foundation course.

RUSS 201B Intermediate Russian (4)

Prerequisite: RUSS 201A or four years of high school Russian or equivalent. Prerequisite/Corequisite: Any Foundation course.

RUSS 310 Russian Literature in English (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirements, and any course in literature or European history.

RUSS 312 Advanced Russian (3)

Prerequisites: None

RUSS 314 Russian Conversation (3)

Prerequisite: Upper-division standing in Russian or consent of instructor.

RUSS 410I Introduction to Russian Civilization (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirements, one or more Explorations courses, and upper-division standing.

RUSS 428 Russian Cinema (3)

Prerequisite: Upper division standing.

## Certificate in Russian and East European Studies

Courses used to meet certificate requirements may be counted also, where applicable, toward the General Education requirement and the major and teaching minor requirements of the cooperating departments.

Interested students should apply to the Director, Russian and East European Studies, Dr. Harold Schefski, Department of Romance, German and Russian.

### Requirements

1. A bachelor's degree with an approved major. Certificate can also be earned concurrently with the bachelor's degree.
2. A minimum of two semesters of a Slavic language;
3. Take 18 units from four of the disciplines listed below chosen in consultation with advisor. No more than six units of any one discipline applies to the certificate:  
ANTH 490\*; CWL 349, 449; ECON 490\*; GEOG 318; HIST 341A, 341B, 490\*; 495\*; PHIL 490\*; POSC 306, 497; RUSS 101A-B, 201A, 201B, 310, 312, 314, 410, 428; RGR 346I, 400I.
4. Cumulative GPA of 2.75 in all courses in the student's approved certificate program.

\*May be taken only when course work is applicable to Russian and East European Studies. Consultation with director of the center is required.

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## Courses (RUSS)

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### LOWER DIVISION

#### 101A. Fundamentals of Russian (4)

Prerequisite/Corequisite: Any Foundation course.

Introduction to fundamental skills of speaking, oral comprehension, reading, and writing. For those who are beginning the study of Russian or who have had one year of high school Russian or equivalent.

For non-native speakers only. Not open to heritage speakers or native speakers of Russian.

#### 101B. Fundamentals of Russian (4)

Prerequisite/Corequisite: RUSS 101A or two years of high school Russian or equivalent. Any Foundation course.

Fundamental skills of speaking, oral comprehension, reading and writing.

For non-native speakers only. Not open to heritage speakers or native speakers of Russian.

#### 201A. Intermediate Russian (4)

Prerequisite: RUSS101B or three years of high school Russian or equivalent. Prerequisite/Corequisite: Any Foundation course.

Continued development in speaking, oral comprehension, reading, and writing skills.

For non-native speakers only. Not open to heritage speakers or native speakers of Russian.

### **201B. Intermediate Russian (4)**

Prerequisite: RUSS 201A or four years of high school Russian or equivalent. Prerequisite/Corequisite: Any Foundation course.

Continued development in speaking, oral comprehension, reading, and writing skills. For non-native speakers only. Not open to heritage speakers or native speakers of Russian.

## **UPPER DIVISION**

General Education Category A must be completed prior to taking any upper division course except upper division language courses where students meet formal prerequisites and/or competency equivalent for advanced study.

### **310. Russian Literature in English (3)**

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirements, and any course in literature or European history.

Taught in English, this course examines the major themes of Russian life as seen through the literature of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries

### **312. Advanced Russian (3)**

Required background or experience. Ability to read general material in Russian and to translate non-technical material into the language. Extensive reading of Russian writings, review of grammatical principles, and a general consolidation of the four language skills: reading, oral comprehension, composition, and conversation

### **314. Russian Conversation (3)**

Prerequisite: Upper-division standing in Russian or consent of instructor.

Intended to meet specific, everyday situations and to provide help to those who intend to use Russian for travel, work, or classroom instruction

### **399. Directed Studies in Russian Language (1-3)**

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor.

Independent study undertaken under the supervision of a faculty member. A Directed Studies course designed to meet the individual needs of students.

Letter grade only (A-F).

### **410I. Introduction to Russian Civilization (3)**

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirements, one or more Explorations courses, and upper-division standing.

Examination of the characteristic features of Russian culture with special attention to the study of art, architecture, folklore, music, poetry and religion.

### **428. Russian Cinema (3)**

Prerequisite: Upper division standing.

Focuses on the Socio-political and aesthetic aspects of Russian Cinema, delineating the following periods: Soviet Silent Cinema, Stalinist Cinema, Cinema under the Thaw, Cinema under Brezhnev, and Contemporary Cinema.

Letter grade only (A-F). Same course as FEA 458. Not open for credit to students with credit in FEA 458. (2 hrs sem, 2 hrs activity)

### **499. Directed Studies in Russian (1-3)**

Prerequisites: Senior standing, consent of instructor.

Readings in areas of mutual interest to student and instructor that are not a part of any regular course. Written report or project may be required.