Russian classes in 2021 / 2022

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-Course schedule (as of April 7, 2021) subject to change without notice.

*** Please check back later in the spring/summer @ https://umanitoba.ca/faculties/arts/departments/german_and_slavic/course_offerings/index.html whether courses are Remote Learning (usually fully or mostly with synchronous delivery on Zoom) or In-Person. Watch for updates during the summer and fall & contact your instructor if you have questions on the delivery method for a specific course / section. ***

Russian Literature and Culture Courses

RUSN 1400 (A01): Masterpieces of Russian Literature in Translation (3)
MWF 1:30-2:20 (Baraban)

The course introduces students to representative works by major Russian writers, with emphasis on key paradigms in literary and socio-political thinking in Russia. The students will read and discuss literary works from the early 19th century through the 20th century. The course will help to develop students’ analytical skills and appreciation of literature and arts. The readings will include prose (shorter works) by Alexander Pushkin, Mikhail Lermontov, Nikolai Gogol, Ivan Turgenev, Leo Tolstoy, Fedor Dostoevsky, Anton Chekhov, Alexander Kuprin, Isaac Babel, Mikhail Bulgakov, Vladimir Nabokov, and, possibly, Venedict Erofeev. No knowledge of Russian is required. All lectures, assignments, discussions, and texts are in English. Students who wish to read some of the class material in the original should contact the instructor. Students may not hold credit for both RUSN 1400 and the former RUSN 2770. There are no prerequisites for the course. It is designed for University 1 and 2d-year students without prior knowledge of Russian literature and culture. Upper-year students may take it too. Course Attributes: Central & East European Stds, Humanities, Recommended Intro Courses, Written English Requirement, Written Req For Engineering, Russian major or minor.

RUSN 3630 (A01): Russian Politics, Government, and Society (3) W 2:30-5:15 (Winter 2022) (Kulick) *cross listed with POL 3630 A01*

This course is a survey of contemporary Russia that explores the social, cultural and economic factors shaping its domestic politics and foreign policy. Students will explore Russia’s transformation after the collapse of the Soviet Union, including core questions about citizenship and social agency, as well as Russian identity formation in a multi-ethnic and multi-confessional state. We will also consider Russia’s complex relationships with its neighbors and former Cold War foes. Language of instruction: English.
RUSN 3780 (A01): **Dostoevsky** (3) MWF 1:30-2:20 (Winter 2022) (Baraban)

An introduction to Fedor Dostoevsky’s literary achievement. The focus is on the writer’s artistic development, and on the philosophical, religious and political issues in his work. Close, thoughtful reading and critical skills are emphasized. The novels to be discussed: Crime and Punishment; The Idiot; The Brothers Karamazov. Please note that Dostoevsky’s Notes from Underground is to be discussed as part of RUSN 1400 Masterpieces of Russian Literature in English Translation, which is offered in the Fall 2021.

**Russian Language Courses**

RUSN 1300 (A01): **Introductory Russian** (6) MWF 10:30-11:20 (Galetcaia); Labs & Conversation (B02-B03): R 9:00-9:50; W 2:30-3:20

RUSN 1300 (D01): **Introductory Russian** (6) Distance Online (Fall 2021 / Winter 2022) (Galetcaia)

RUSN 1300 (D02): **Introductory Russian** (6) Distance Online (Winter 2022 / Summer 2022) (Galetcaia)

**Introductory Russian** is a language course for beginners, not for students who know how to read in Russian and have studied Russian previously. The textbooks we use is Golosa. Book 1 and the Student Activities Manual for Book1. If you’re in doubt if this course is best for your level of Russian language skills, please contact Elena.Baraban@umanitoba.ca

RUSN 1330 (A01): **Introductory Russian 2** (3) MWF 10:30-11:20 (Winter 2022) (TBA); Labs & Conversation (B02-B03): R 9:00-9:50; W 2:30-3:20

This is the second half of Intro Russian for students who can join the Intro Russian group in January 2021. To register, one will need permission of the Department Head. In order to take Intro Russian 2, students must have knowledge of the alphabet as well as basic skills in reading, writing, and speaking Russian. The material they are expected to know roughly corresponds to the Intro chapter plus chapters 1-3/4 of Golosa Book 1.

RUSN 2810 (A01): **Intermediate Russian** (6) MWF 10:30-11:20 (TBA)

2nd-year course in Russian. Prerequisites: Introductory Russian (RUSN 1300 or RUSN 1330) or permission of the Department. Students may not hold credit for both RUSN 2810 (052.281) and RUSN 2820 (052.282). In this course, students expand their knowledge of Russian by completing chapters 9-10 from Golosa Book1 and study chapters 1-6/7 from Golosa Book 2.
RUSN 2820 (A01): **Intermediate Russian 2** (3) MWF 10:30-11:20 (Winter 2022) (Baraban)

This is the second half of Intermediate Russian for students who can join the Intro Russian group in January 2022.

RUSN 3200 (A01): **Advanced Russian 1** (3) MWF 9:30-10:20 (Fall 2021) (Konstantiuk)

RUSN 3220 (T01): **Reading Russian Poetry** (3) MWF 9:30-10:20 (Fall 2021) (Konstantiuk)

The course is an introduction to Russia's major poets and bards of the 19th and 20th centuries. Through a reading and discussion of Russia's poetic tradition and its formative role in the Russian culture students will gain the skills of interpreting poetry and developing communication skills.

### Degree Programs in Russian:

**General Major** (30 credit hours in Russian courses). For details, read UM Academic Calendar or contact [Elena.Baraban@umanitoba.ca](mailto:Elena.Baraban@umanitoba.ca)

General B.A. **Double Major** (combination with any other Arts major: 30 credit hours)

**Minor Concentration** (18 credit hours in any Russian courses, no restrictions)

**Pre-M.A.** – 4th year of the university that prepares a student for entering a graduate program in Russian (Slavic Studies)

**M.A. in Slavic Studies** – graduate degree. Students may be eligible for scholarships while working on their M.A. degree

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