

# MAJOR IN RUSSIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

*Please note that admission to the Major in Russian Language and Culture is suspended until further notice.*

The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures offers a range of courses focusing on the language, history and culture of a fascinating country—Russia. Russian, which is spoken in Russia and throughout the former Soviet Union, in the now independent states in Central Asia and Eastern Europe, ranks fourth among the world's most widely used languages. Russia has a population of some 143 million and is the largest country in the world, geographically speaking.

In the Russian program you will learn first-hand about Russian civilization: its famed writers, such as Tolstoy and Dostoevsky, its innovative cinema, theatre and ballet, and many other aspects of Russian culture and the arts.

Canada and Russia share a northern identity and there are many joint initiatives, including Arctic and space exploration. If you wish to pursue a career in these fields, knowledge of the Russian language and culture is a great asset. Since the fall of communism, the Russian economy and Russian life in general have gained new vigour, presenting numerous opportunities for cultural, scientific and business projects.

If you wish to discover the world and learn Russian at the same time, the major is for you. It includes a mandatory immersion stay abroad in a Russian-speaking university. A mobility scholarship to help you cover the cost of your travel and stay is available.

Courses in this program are taught in Russian, English or French.

## Program Requirements

The table below includes only the discipline-specific courses. Please refer to the Academic Regulations (<https://www.uottawa.ca/about-us/policies-regulations/academic-regulations/b-2-program-studies/>) for information on the Honours bachelor's with double major and the Honours bachelor's with major and minor.

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2018-2019 calendars (<http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives/>) for the previous requirements.

### Compulsory courses

RUS 1901	Elementary Russian I	3 Units
RUS 1902	Elementary Russian II	3 Units
RUS 2901	Intermediate Russian I	3 Units
RUS 2902	Intermediate Russian II	3 Units
RUS 3901	Advanced Russian I	3 Units
RUS 3902	Advanced Russian II	3 Units
RUS 2101	Introduction to Russian Culture	3 Units
RUS 2103	Contemporary Russian Culture	3 Units

### Optional courses

6 course units from the list of optional courses	6 Units
6 course units at the 3000 or 4000 level from the list of optional courses	6 Units

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**Total: 42 Units**

## List of Optional courses

RUS 2102	The Age of Dostoevsky and Tolstoy	3 Units
RUS 2104	Russian Cinema	3 Units
RUS 2116	History of Russia Until 1917	3 Units
RUS 2117	History of the USSR	3 Units
RUS 3101	Special Topic in Russian Culture	3 Units
RUS 4900	Workshop in Translation	3 Units
RUS 4902	Practicum	3 Units
RUS 4903	Directed Studies I	3 Units
RUS 4904	Directed Studies II	3 Units
RUS 4905	Advanced Russian III	3 Units
RUS 4906	Advanced Russian IV	3 Units
PLN 1901	Elementary Polish I	3 Units
PLN 1902	Elementary Polish II	3 Units
PLN 2101	Polish Culture Through the Ages	3 Units
PLN 2102	Polish Post-War Cinema	3 Units
PLN 2901	Intermediate Polish	3 Units
PLN 2902	Polish Grammar and Translation	3 Units
PLN 3101	Special Topic in Polish Culture	3 Units
YDD 1901	Introduction to the Yiddish Language and Culture I	3 Units
YDD 1902	Introduction to the Yiddish Language and Culture II	3 Units
YDD 2104	Yiddish Culture, Literature, and Film	3 Units

## Mandatory Requirement: Immersion Stay Abroad

A minimum of 12 units will be taken abroad in a university where Russian is the language of teaching and study. The University of Ottawa will establish RUS course equivalencies. The foreign university and the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures will establish jointly a bank of courses from which students will choose the units to take.

### Eligibility requirements:

- must have completed RUS 3901 and RUS 2101;
- must have a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 5.0;
- must not be on probation;

Students will receive a total of \$2000 in funding (i.e. a \$1000 mobility scholarship from the International Office and \$1000 from the Faculty of Arts).