

# 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

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| 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

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|----------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 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).