

MINOR IN RUSSIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

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.

Learn more about this program (<https://www.uottawa.ca/faculty-arts/modern-languages-literatures/undergraduate-russian-language-culture/>)

Program Requirements

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2024-2025 calendar (<http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives/>) for the previous requirements.

The table below includes only 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 including a minor to your degree.

12 course units from: ¹	12 Units
RUS 1901 Elementary Russian I	
RUS 1902 Elementary Russian II	
RUS 2901 Intermediate Russian I	
RUS 2902 Intermediate Russian II	
RUS 3901 Advanced Russian I	
RUS 3902 Advanced Russian II	
6 optional course units at the 3000 or 4000 level from the list of optional courses	6 Units
12 optional course units from the list of optional courses	12 Units
Total:	30 Units

¹ Students whose linguistic level is superior to the levels indicated above have to take other RUS courses in consultation with the department. The linguistic level will be determined by the Online Placement Test, available at the Department's website: <http://arts.uottawa.ca/>

modernlanguages/programs-of-study (<http://arts.uottawa.ca/modernlanguages/programs-of-study/>).

List of Optional Courses

LCM 1101	How to Learn Foreign Languages	3 Units
LCM 1102	Tools for Cultural Analysis	3 Units
RUS 2101	Introduction to Russian Culture	3 Units
RUS 2102	The Age of Dostoevsky and Tolstoy	3 Units
RUS 2103	Contemporary Russian Culture	3 Units
RUS 2104	Russian Cinema	3 Units
RUS 2105	Women in Russian Culture and Literature	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 3901	Advanced Russian I	3 Units
RUS 3902	Advanced Russian II	3 Units
RUS 4900	Workshop in Translation	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 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