

Russian (RUSSIAN)

Courses

RUSSIAN 1 Elementary Russian 5 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024

Beginner's course.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 9.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 1

RUSSIAN 2 Elementary Russian 5 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Russian 1 or equivalent

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 2

RUSSIAN 3 Intermediate Russian 5 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Russian 2 or equivalent

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 3

RUSSIAN 4 Intermediate Russian 5 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Russian 3 or equivalent

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 4

RUSSIAN 6A Introductory Russian for Heritage Speakers 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

The course is aimed at "heritage speakers" of Russian, i.e., those who grew up speaking Russian in the family without a full Russian educational and cultural background. These courses are designed for students who have speaking and comprehension ability in Russian but have minimum exposure to writing and reading. This course teaches basic skills of writing, reading, and grammar. 6A focuses on basic writing and reading ability. 6B introduces further knowledge of grammar and syntax and develops writing skills. Both 6A and 6B include reading and cultural material. (Students with advanced reading proficiency should consider Slavic 114 or Slavic 190.)

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Basic proficiency in Russian; placement test and consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 6A

RUSSIAN 6B Introductory Russian for Heritage Speakers 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

The course is aimed at "heritage speakers" of Russian, i.e., those who grew up speaking Russian in the family without a full Russian educational and cultural background. These courses are designed for students who have speaking and comprehension ability in Russian but have minimum exposure to writing and reading. This course teaches basic skills of writing, reading, and grammar. 6A focuses on basic writing and reading ability. 6B introduces further knowledge of grammar and syntax and develops writing skills. Both 6A and 6B include reading and cultural material. (Students with advanced reading proficiency should consider Slavic 114 or Slavic 190.)

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Basic proficiency in Russian; placement test and consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 6B

RUSSIAN 10 Elementary Intensive Russian 10 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This summer session course is equivalent to the first year of Russian language instruction offered at Berkeley. An intensive program designed to develop students' comprehension and conversation skills while presenting the basic grammar of modern, standard Russian. Lectures and films on Russian culture will be arranged.

Hours & Format

Summer: 10 weeks - 20 hours of lecture and 2 hours of laboratory per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 10

RUSSIAN 20 Intermediate Intensive Russian 10 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This summer session course is equivalent to the second year of Russian language instruction at Berkeley. An intensive program designed to consolidate command of basic grammar and further develop comprehension, speaking, reading and writing skills.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: First year Russian

Hours & Format

Summer: 10 weeks - 20 hours of lecture and 2 hours of laboratory per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 20

RUSSIAN 101 Advanced Russian Phonetics and Oral Performance 1 - 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Aimed at both undergraduate and graduate students, this course helps students to improve their pronunciation, bringing it closer to the native level. The course teaches a whole spectrum of oral speech performance, including phonetics, intonation, and rhetoric, taking into account different functional styles. Course may be taken for 1 unit (5 weeks: basic skills), 2 units (10 weeks: advanced skills) or 3 units (15 weeks: advanced phonetics and performance).

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Russian 4 or equivalent

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 101

RUSSIAN 102 Readings in Specialized Russian 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Selected readings in scholarly (scientific and technical), journalistic, and business styles to acquaint the student with the peculiarities of vocabulary, grammar, and phraseology.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Russian 4 or equivalent

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 6 units.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 102

RUSSIAN 103A Advanced Russian 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

Course covers three main aspects of advanced Russian: grammar, syntax, and reading. Grammar is reviewed. Course taught in Russian.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Russian 4 or equivalent

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

RUSSIAN 103B Advanced Russian 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2022, Spring 2020

Course covers three main aspects of advanced Russian: grammar, syntax, and reading. Grammar is reviewed. Course taught in Russian.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Russian 103A, Russian 4, or equivalent

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

RUSSIAN 105A Advanced Russian/English/Russian Translation 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2021

Advanced training in both oral and written translation skills covering various areas of politics, business, technology, law, science, and culture. Elements of literary and poetic translation.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Russian 1, 2, 3 and 4 or equivalent, or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Muza

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 105A

RUSSIAN 105B Advanced Russian/English/Russian Translation 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016

Advanced training in both oral and written translation skills covering various areas of politics, business, technology, law, science, and culture. Elements of literary and poetic translation.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Russian 1, 2, 3 and 4, or equivalent, or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Muza

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 105B

RUSSIAN 106A Advanced Russian for Heritage Speakers 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019

The course is aimed at "heritage speakers" of Russian, i.e., those who grew up speaking Russian in the family without a standard Russian educational background. The advanced course aims at building a sophisticated vocabulary, developing advanced reading ability, formal knowledge of grammar, and complete writing competency. This course fosters student's knowledge and understanding of Russian culture and society today. (Students with no or rudimentary reading proficiency should consider 6A or 6B by consent of instructor.)

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Advanced speaking and reading proficiency in Russian, placement test, and consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Muza

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 106A

RUSSIAN 106B Advanced Russian for Heritage Speakers 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

The course is aimed at "heritage speakers" of Russian, i.e., those who grew up speaking Russian in the family without a standard Russian educational background. The advanced course aims at building a sophisticated vocabulary, developing advanced reading ability, formal knowledge of grammar, and complete writing competency. This course fosters student's knowledge and understanding of Russian culture and society today. (Students with no or rudimentary reading proficiency should consider 6A or 6B by consent of instructor.)

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Advanced speaking and reading proficiency in Russian; placement test, and consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Muza

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 106B

RUSSIAN 109 Business Russian 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This course is designed for students with a good command of basic Russian who would like to gain the vocabulary of business transactions in Russian to be able to establish actual contacts with Russian businesspeople, to participate in business negotiations, to compile business contracts in Russian, and to read Russian business magazines and newspapers. Elements of the business law of Russia will also be discussed.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Russian 103B or equivalent; consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 109

RUSSIAN 120A Advanced Russian Conversation and Communication 2 - 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Spring 2018, Fall 2016

Aimed at fostering advanced conversation and communication skills, this course explores Russian culture through communication. Contains reading, films, vocabulary building, listening exercises, and speaking activities. The course can be taken for two or three credits; for two credits, attendance is required for two classes per week; for three credits, three classes per week.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Russian 4 or equivalent

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 120A

RUSSIAN 120B Advanced Russian Conversation and Communication 2 - 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2017

Aimed at fostering advanced conversation and communication skills, this course explores Russian culture through communication. Contains reading, films, vocabulary building, listening exercises, and speaking activities. The course can be taken for two or three credits; for two credits, attendance is required for two classes per week; for three credits, three classes per week.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Russian 4 or equivalent

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 120B

RUSSIAN 201 Advanced Russian Proficiency Maintenance 2 - 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2015

Advanced work in speaking, writing and comprehension in order to develop and maintain superior proficiency. Discussions and readings will focus on current cultural and political trends and other topics pertaining to Slavic studies. Special attention to the details of contemporary life in Russia and its changing colloquial speech. Conducted in Russian.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate standing; Russian 103B or equivalent; consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 201

RUSSIAN 202 Advanced Academic Russian 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

Advanced work in reading, speaking and comprehension for graduate student, aimed at developing and maintaining superior proficiency and competence in academic Russian. Readings and discussions focus on current linguistic and cultural trends. Special attention to contemporary life in Russia, its changing cultural norms and speech, viewed in a broad historical context. The course is conducted in Russian.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Advanced competence in Russian, graduate standing; or consent of Instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

RUSSIAN 204 Russian Composition and Style 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2023, Spring 2021

Essay-writing, analysis of texts, oral and written reports, and translation.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Russian 103B

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Russian/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Formerly known as: Slavic Languages and Literatures 204