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The Russian economy has become one of the world's most important, and Russia is poised to be the world's largest producer of oil in just a few years. Russia's president, Dmitrii Medvedev, has flexed Russia's muscle on the world stage, and is working with his Prime Minister, Vladimir Putin, to reform elements of Russia's civil society. Meanwhile, the government continues to rein in the country's free press, control its oligarchs, and distracts the world by placing the Russian flag on the seabed under the ice of the North Pole. Russians are ever more proud of their cultural heritage, as reflected in Russia's literature, music, and performance arts. Historically, the study of Russian in the United States has peaked when Russia has made headlines. Since the disappearance of the Soviet Union, the numbers of American students studying Russian has decreased dramatically, while at the same time the demand for Americans with knowledge of Russian has increased. The Russian Language and Literature Program at the University of Denver has made the study of Russian both intensive and sensitive to cultural nuances. Students, in addition to studying in Russia, are encouraged to participate in the local Russian community. The B.A. program is designed to give the student the knowledge to excel in those areas where Russian is not only an asset, but a necessary skill. Career opportunities, in addition to continuing in graduate school or for a Ph.D., include areas as diverse as international business, cultural affairs, community counseling, the diplomatic corps, and tourism. For more information on career opportunities and internships, contact the Career Center, Driscoll Center South (303.871.3511).

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(in the collection of the Tretyakovskaia Gallery, Moscow).

**Dr. Polina Rikoun** (Ph.D., Harvard University). Research interests: The trickster in Russian literature and culture; the culture of the port city in the Russian Empire.

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### UNDERGRADUATE (B.A.) PROGRAM

Requirements for the Bachelor's of Arts in Russian include a minimum of 44 credits of course work above the elementary (1000) level (24 hours for the minor; 40 hours are needed if, upon entering the Program, the student places above RUSS 2002). Majors must complete RUSS 2116 and RUSS 3901; minors must complete RUSS 2116 and RUSS 3101 or 3500, or equivalent. Study abroad, though not required, is strongly encouraged. The University, through the Cherrington Global Scholars Program, is affiliated with the American Council of Teachers of Russian (ACTR), which maintains strong study programs in Saint Petersburg, Moscow, and Vladimir. The Russian Program likewise provides opportunities to volunteer, intern, and work with Denver-area organizations serving the Russian community.

### TYPICAL COURSE SEQUENCE

*An example course sequence for a student beginning a B.A. in Russian with no prior experience might look like this:*

- YEAR 1: Fall:** RUSS 1001 (4 cr) **Elementary Russian I**  
**Winter:** RUSS 1002 (4 cr) **Elementary Russian II**  
**Spring:** RUSS 1003 (4 cr) **Elementary Russian III**
- YEAR 2: Fall:** RUSS 2001 (4 cr) **Second Stage Russian I** and **RUSS 1416** (4 cr) **Introduction to Russian Culture: Evil and the Supernatural** (in English)  
**Winter:** RUSS 2002 (4 cr) **Second Stage Russian II**  
**Spring:** RUSS 2110 (4 cr) **Russian in a Cultural Context** and **RUSS 2116** (4 cr) **Russian 19<sup>th</sup> Century Novel**
- YEAR 3: Fall:** **study abroad in the Russian Federation**, or RUSS 2416 (4 cr) **Russian Classics in the Original: Evil & the Supernatural** (if RUSS 1416 not taken earlier) and RUSS 3991 (2-4 cr) **Independent Study**  
**Winter:** RUSS 3101 (4 cr) **Advanced Conversation & Composition**  
**Spring:** RUSS 3500 (4 cr) **Structure of Russian**
- YEAR 4: Fall:** RUSS 3997 (4 cr) **Russian: Learn through Service**  
**Winter:** RUSS 3850 (4 cr) **Working with Russian Media**, and RUSS 3901 (2 cr) **Senior Russian Capstone Seminar**  
**Spring:** RUSS 3701 (4 cr) **Seminar (various topics)**.

### COMPLETE LIST OF RUSSIAN COURSES

*(instructor is free to waive any prerequisites listed)*

**RUSS 1001-3** (4 cr/qtr) **Elementary Russian**, preq.: none for RUSS 1001; RUSS 1001 for RUSS 1002; RUSS 1002 for RUSS 1003

**RUSS 1416** (4 cr) **Introduction to Russian Culture: Evil & the Supernatural**, preq.: none (in English; cannot be taken if RUSS 2416 taken earlier)

**RUSS 2001-2** (4 cr/qtr) **Second Stage Russian**, preq.: RUSS 1003 for RUSS 2001; RUSS 2001 for RUSS 2002

**RUSS 2110** (4 cr) **Russian in a Cultural Context**, preq.: RUSS 2002

**RUSS 2116** (4 cr) **Russian 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Novel: Society, Identity, and the Rise of Prose Fiction**, preq.: none (in English)

**RUSS 2416** (4 cr) **Russian Classics in the Original: Evil & the Supernatural**, preq.: RUSS 2110 (in English and Russian; cannot be taken if RUSS 1416 taken earlier)

**RUSS 2610** (2 cr) **Introduction to Russian Literature**, preq.: RUSS 2110  
**RUSS 3101** (4 cr/qtr) **Advanced Conversation and Composition**, preq.: RUSS 2110

**RUSS 3200** (4 cr) **Russian Poetry**, preq.: RUSS 2110

**RUSS 3300** (4 cr) **The Russian Short Story**, preq.: RUSS 2110

**RUSS 3500** (4 cr) **Structure of Russian**, preq.: RUSS 3101

**RUSS 3650** (4 cr) **Issues in Soviet and Post-Soviet Cinema**, preq.: RUSS 3500

**RUSS 3701** (4 cr) **Seminar: Special Topics in Russian Literature**, preq.: RUSS 3500 (this course is repeatable for credit)

**RUSS 3850** (4 cr) **Working With Russian Media**, preq.: RUSS 3500

**RUSS 3900** (4 cr) **Russian Literary Translation**, preq.: RUSS 3500

**RUSS 3901** (2 cr) **Senior Russian Capstone Seminar**, preq.: limited to Russian Program seniors and required for graduation with a Russian major; permission of instructor

### INDIVIDUALLY-ARRANGED COURSES

**RUSS 3991/4991** (cr arranged) **Independent Study**, preq.: permission of instructor

**RUSS 3992/4992** (cr arranged) **Directed Study**, preq.: permission of instructor

**RUSS 3995/4995** (cr arranged) **Independent Research**, preq.: permission of instructor

**RUSS 3996/4996** (4 cr) **Readings: Second Slavic Language**, preq.: permission of instructor (elective credit only at B.A. level)

**RUSS 3997/4997** (up to 4 cr) **Russian: Learn Through Service**, preq.: permission of instructor and service provider

**RUSS 3998** (up to 4 cr) **Honor's Thesis**, preq.: senior standing, overall GPA of at least 3.3, major GPA of at least 3.7, and permission of instructor; RUSS 3901 strongly encouraged

### ENGLISH-LANGUAGE COURSES

**RUSS 1416** (4 cr) **Introduction to Russian Culture: Evil and the Supernatural**, preq.: none

**RUSS 2116** (4 cr) **Russian 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Novel: Society, Identity, and the Rise of Prose Fiction**

**ASEM 2604** (4 cr) **Russia: Revolutions and Utopias**, preq.: Common Curriculum requirements

### COMMON CURRICULUM COURSES

**Language:** Any Russian language course may count towards fulfilling the Common Curriculum language category: students must complete either the complete first year of a language sequence, or one quarter of the language if the student tests higher than the first-year sequence.

**Ways of Knowing: Analytical Inquiry & Society and Culture:** All courses listed that are listed in boxes are eligible to apply towards DU's Common Curriculum, in the Ways of Knowing: Analytical Inquiry & Society and Culture category. While you may take more than one of these courses for your Russian major or minor, only one may count towards your Common Curriculum requirements. See your advisor for more details.

**Advanced Seminar:** Russian faculty offer an Advanced Seminar (ASEM) on a regular basis. Advanced Seminars only apply towards Common Curriculum credit.

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