MIT Global Studies and Languages

RUSSIAN

Why Study Russian?

Russian is the world's 8th most spoken language and is spoken by over 144 million people in nine different countries. A gateway to learning about fascinating literary and cultural heritage, Russian is also a strategically important language for many fields, including air and space, information technology, nuclear studies, security studies, and many others.

At MIT, are you considering a MISTI internship in Russia or Kazakhstan? Coursework in Russian language and culture is strongly recommended.
CONCENTRATION OPTIONS

A. Russian I or II through Russian IV
B. Russian III and two subjects beyond
C. Russian IV or above, plus two more subjects
   - One subject allowed in English from 21G.077, .085, or .086

Concentration Proposal approval must be obtained by the first week of classes second term junior year.

Concentration Advisor:
Maria Khotimsky, Sr. Lecturer
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Assessing your level:
Contact the Maria Khotimsky to assess your level and advise on course placement.

MINOR in Russian and Eurasian Studies

Intended for students seeking an interdisciplinary program of study centered on Russia and Eurasia.

The program is regional in spirit, meaning that students can take subjects about a wide range of countries of Eastern/ Central Europe, the Slavic states, and Central Asia.

- 6 subjects arranged in 4 areas of study:
  - Area I, Language
  - Area II, Humanities & Arts
  - Area III, Social Sciences
  - Area IV, Historical Studies

- 5 of the 6 subjects can be counted to the 8-subject HASS Requirement
- 1 of these 5 can count towards the HASS Distribution (H, S, or A) requirement
- Appropriate subjects at Harvard or Wellesley can be applied to minor

Minor Advisor:
Elizabeth Wood, Professor of History
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FALL 2018 Russian Schedule

21G.085 Imperial and Revolutionary Russia: Culture and Politics, 1700-1917
Analyzes Russia’s social, cultural, and political heritage in the 18th and 19th centuries, up to and including the Russian Revolution of 1917. Compares reforming and revolutionary impulses in the context of serfdom, the rise of the intelligentsia, and debates over capitalism. Focuses on historical and literary texts, especially the intersections between the two. HASS-H
TR, 1-2:30, E. Wood

21G.611 Russian I
Emphasizes the development of communicative and cultural competence, as well as mastery of the foundations of Russian grammar and vocabulary. Using video, internet resources, and varied cultural materials, students work on developing speaking, reading, and writing skills. Conducted in both Russian and English. Designed for students with no knowledge of Russian. HASS-H
MTRF, 10-11, Khotimsky

21G.613 Russian III
 Includes comprehensive review and expansion of grammar and vocabulary. Emphasizes the development of speaking, reading, and writing skills. Examines adapted and authentic literary texts, media resources, and film. Develops communicative skills necessary for personal and professional interaction in a Russian-language environment. HASS-H
MTRF, 12-1, M. Khotimsky

Most GSL classes are held in Bldg 14N or the 6th floor of Bldg 16. Check the online catalog for up-to-date room assignments and schedule information.

Looking ahead

IAP 2019
21G.611 Russian I, HASS-H

Spring 2019
21G.077/618 Intro to the Classics of Russian Literature, HASS-H
21G.612 Russian II, HASS-H
21G.614 Russian IV, HASS-H

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- MIT-Russia
- MIT-Kazakhstan