Why Study Russian?

Russian is the most widespread language across Eurasia, and it is the most popular of all Slavic languages with over 260 million speakers. Russian is considered the international language of space, and learning Russian is part of cosmonaut training! Some of the most enduring literature comes from Russian authors such as Dostoyevsky, Tolstoy, and Chekov. Russian is an important language in the study of international relations and history.

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
    - 21G.613, 21G.614
  - 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:
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SPRING 2018 Russian Schedule

Explores the political and historical evolution of the Soviet state and society from the 1917 Revolution to the present. Covers the creation of a revolutionary regime, causes and nature of the Stalin revolution, post-Stalinist efforts to achieve political and social reform, and causes of the Soviet collapse. Also examines current developments in Russia in light of Soviet history. HASS-S, CI-H
TR, 1-2:30, E. Wood

21G.612 Russian II
Continuing instruction in Russian language and culture with emphasis on acquisition of vocabulary and grammatical concepts through active communication. Conducted in both Russian and English. Provides exposure to the language via a video program, internet resources, and literary texts that are integrated in grammar instruction and conversation tasks. HASS-H
MTRF, 10-11, Khotimsky

21G.614 Russian IV
Features intermediate to advanced study of Russian with a comprehensive review of grammar, and emphasis on more complex communicative topics. Reading and writing skills developed through study of various topics in Russian culture and society. Uses a variety of authentic literary and non-fiction texts, media resources, and film. 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

Fall 2018
21G.085 Imperial and Revolutionary Russia: Culture and Politics, 1700-1917, HASS-H
21G.611 Russian I, HASS-H
21G.613 Russian III, HASS-H

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