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.

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Assessing your level:
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Looking Ahead

Fall 2020
21G.014 Introduction to Russian Politics and Society (First-Year Discovery)
21G.087 Introduction to Russian Studies (NEW), HASS-H, HEX
21G.611 Russian I, HASS-H
21G.613 Russian III, HASS-H

Spring 2020 Russian Schedule

21G.077 / 21G.618 Intro to the Classics of Russian Literature
Explores the works of classical Russian writers of the 19th and 20th centuries, including stories and novels by Pushkin, Gogol, Dostoevsky, Tolstoy, Chekhov, Bunin, Nabokov, Platonov, and others. Focuses on their approaches to portraying self and society, and on literary responses to fundamental ethical and philosophical questions about justice, freedom, free will, fate, love, loyalty, betrayal, and forgiveness. Taught in English; students interested in completing some readings and a short writing project in Russian should register for 21G.618. HASS-H
TR, 2:30-4, M. Khotimsky

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, 11-12, M. Khotimsky
MTRF, 3-4, M. Andrianova

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

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, .086, or .087

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

Concentration Advisor:
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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

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