

RUSSIAN JOINT HONOURS COMPONENT (B.A.) (36 CREDITS)

Offered by: Languages, Literatures, Cultures (Faculty of Arts)
Degree: Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Arts and Science
Program credit weight: 36

Program Description

Students wishing to study at the Honours level in two disciplines can combine Joint Honours program components in any two Arts disciplines. For a list of available Joint Honours programs, see "Overview of Programs Offered" and "Joint Honours Programs".

Prior to registering for each Joint Honours component, students must consult with advisers in the respective departments for approval of their course selection.

According to Faculty regulations, Joint Honours students must maintain a minimum CGPA of 3.00 and maintain a minimum program GPA of 3.00. Departments may require a higher program GPA. Joint Honours students must meet the requirements of both components of their program.

The specific course requirements for the 36-credit Joint Honours Component Russian program are determined on an individual basis in consultation with the student's program adviser(s).

The Honours thesis course, RUSS 490 Honours Seminar 01., is usually completed in the student's final year and is on a topic in Russian literature or culture agreed upon in consultation with the student's thesis advisor. It is to be written independently from the thesis that is required by the second program in which the student is pursuing their Joint Honours degree

¹ Note: Students must submit their Russian thesis project proposals to the Russian Studies departmental adviser by March 15th or November 15th of the preceding term for independent research courses.

Degree Requirements — B.A. students

To be eligible for a B.A. degree, a student must fulfil all Faculty and program requirements as indicated in Degree Requirements for the Faculty of Arts.

We recommend that students consult an Arts OASIS advisor for degree planning.

Note: For information about Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 course offerings, please check back on May 8, 2025. Until then, the "Terms offered" field will appear blank for most courses while the class schedule is being finalized.

Required Course (3 credits)

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Course	Title	Credits
RUSS 490	Honours Seminar 01.	3

Complementary Courses (33 credits)

33 credits selected from the following specifications:

Group A: Russian Language

Students entering this program with previous knowledge of or exposure to Russian may, with permission of the Department, replace this group with selections from Group B or Group C.

18 credits selected from the following courses or their equivalent:

Expand all Contract all

Course	Title	Credits
RUSS 210	Elementary Russian Language 1.	3
RUSS 211	Elementary Russian Language 2.	3
RUSS 215	Elementary Russian Language Intensive 1. ¹	6
RUSS 300	Russian for Heritage Speakers 1.	3
RUSS 301	Russian for Heritage Speakers 2.	3
RUSS 310	Intermediate Russian Language 1.	3
RUSS 311	Intermediate Russian Language 2.	3
RUSS 316	Intermediate Russian Language Intensive 2. ²	6
RUSS 327	Reading Russian Poetry.	3
RUSS 328	Readings in Russian.	3
RUSS 415	Advanced Russian Language Intensive 1. ³	6
RUSS 453	Advanced Russian Language and Syntax.	3

- ¹ RUSS 215 Elementary Russian Language Intensive 1. is not open to students who have taken RUSS 210 Elementary Russian Language 1. or RUSS 211 Elementary Russian Language 2..
- ² RUSS 316 Intermediate Russian Language Intensive 2. is not open to students who have taken RUSS 310 Intermediate Russian Language 1. or RUSS 311 Intermediate Russian Language 2..
- ³ RUSS 415 Advanced Russian Language Intensive 1. is not open to students who have taken RUSS 410 or RUSS 411 Advanced Russian Language 2..

Group B

6-9 credits selected from the following courses or their equivalent:

Expand all Contract all

Course	Title	Credits
RUSS 217	Russia's Eternal Questions.	3
RUSS 218	Russian Literature and Revolution.	3
RUSS 223	Russian 19th Century: Literary Giants 1.	3
RUSS 224	Russian 19th Century: Literary Giants 2.	3
RUSS 229	Introduction to Russian Folklore.	3
RUSS 250	The Central European Novel.	3

Group C

6-9 credits selected from the following courses or their equivalent:

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Course	Title	Credits
RUSS 213	Introduction to Soviet Film.	3
RUSS 330	Chekhov without Borders.	3
RUSS 333	Petersburg: City of Myth.	3
RUSS 337	Vladimir Nabokov.	3
RUSS 340	Russian Short Story.	3
RUSS 347	Late and Post-Soviet Culture.	3
RUSS 350	Central European Film.	3
RUSS 357	Leo Tolstoy.	3
RUSS 358	Fyodor Dostoevsky.	3
RUSS 365	Supernatural and Absurd in Russian Literature.	3
RUSS 369	Narrative and Memory in Russian Culture.	3
RUSS 381	Russia's Utopia Complex.	3
RUSS 382	Russian Opera.	3
RUSS 385	Staging Russianness: From Pushkin to Chekhov.	3
RUSS 390	Special Topics in Russian.	3
RUSS 395	Soviet Cinema: Art and Politics.	3
RUSS 397	Tarkovsky: Cinema and Philosophy.	3
RUSS 398	Soviet Women Filmmakers.	3
RUSS 427	Russian Fin de Siècle.	3
RUSS 428	Russian Avantgarde.	3
RUSS 430	High Stalinist Culture 1.	3
RUSS 440	Russia and Its Others.	3
RUSS 454	Narratives of Desire.	3
RUSS 475	Special Topics in Russ Culture.	3
RUSS 500	Special Topics.	3
RUSS 501	Topics in Slavic Culture.	3

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Group D: Languages, Literatures, and Cultures and Faculty of Arts

0-3 credits to be chosen from the following or their equivalent:

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Course	Title	Credits
ANTH 303	Ethnographies of Post-socialism.	3
HIST 216	Introduction to Russian History.	3
HIST 226	East Central and Southeastern Europe in 20th Century.	3
HIST 306	East Central Europe, 1944-2004.	3
HIST 313	Habsburg Monarchy, 1618-1918.	3
HIST 316	History of the Russian Empire.	3
HIST 326	History of the Soviet Union.	3

HIST 406	Topics: Russian History.	3
HIST 576D1	Seminar: Topics in Russian History.	3
HIST 576D2	Seminar: Topics in Russian History.	3
JWST 303	The Soviet Jewish Experience.	3
POLI 329	Russian Politics.	3
POLI 331	Politics in East Central Europe.	3
SOCI 455	Post-Socialist Societies.	3

Note: For pre/corequisites and availability of Anthropology (ANTH), Economics (ECON), History (HIST), Jewish Studies (JWST), Political Science (POLI), and Sociology (SOCI) courses, students should consult the offering department and Class Schedule.