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**Minimum Credits Required** 16

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**Minimum Credits Required** 16

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LEVEL 300 COURSES

**MAJOR:** At least 24 credits by the end of the year (including all core courses)
**COMBINED:** At least 18 credits by the end of the year
**MINOR:** At least 10 credits by the end of the year

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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

RUSS 101 Introduction to Russian Studies
This course is designed to introduce students to the basic fundamentals of the Russian language. Thus, it will focus on teaching students how to accurately pronounce all the Russian sound as they appear in different constructions, on the word stress and the intonations of Russian sentences as well as sharpening the skills of students in basic reading and comprehensions. There will be practical exercises on spoken Russian in class that aim at building the student’s vocabulary and ability to make simple conversation on selected topics. In this course, students will also be given some basic insights into the dynamics of the Russian society in historical, political and economic transition.

Reading List

RUSS 102 Oral Communication Skills
This course in oral expression and comprehension will build upon the basic communicative skills acquired in the first semester and will extend it to other domains of interaction. Students will make use of the study of elementary Russian grammar reading simple texts. Some lectures will involve the use of interactive programmes to aid in pronunciation, listening and comprehension of the language in its original lingo-cultural settings.

Reading List

RUSS 103 Elementary Russian Grammar I
This course is meant to introduce students to basic Russian for beginners who have no knowledge in Russian language. As such the course will focus on teaching students how to read and write the Russian alphabets as well as introducing them to some basic Russian grammar, such as gender of Russian nouns and adjectives, plural forms of nouns, present and past tense of Russian verbs. The material taught in this course will support the course in basic oral communication.

Reading List

**RUSS 104  Elementary Russian Grammar II**
This course is a continuation of RUSS 103 Elementary Russian Grammar I, therefore it gives additional information about the Russian grammar. At the end of the course students will be introduced to the most basic Russian grammar, such as cases of Russian nouns, conjugation of verbs, some peculiarities of Russian adverbs and adjectives, numerals etc.

**Reading List**

**RUSS 201  Russian Grammar and Translation I**
This course covers areas of morphology and syntax intended to give students a deeper understanding of Russian grammar. The course will deal with the more complicated cases of Russian nouns and adjectives as well as other already introduced Russian grammar. This course will also focus on building students’ skills in basic translation.

**Reading List**

**RUSS 202  Russian Grammar and Translation II**
This course is the continuation of RUSS 201, therefore it will involve the further study of the structure of Russian grammar. Emphasis will again be placed on building students’ skills in translation using the sources of Russian vocabulary and grammatical material. Student will translate selected texts from and into Russian.

**Reading List**

**RUSS 203  Orals and Composition I**
This course aims at consolidating oral and written expressions in Russian: in addition to oral expression, students will learn how to write, understand and summarize different kinds of simple written documents. It is designed to enable students to use a variety of vocabulary to enhance their creative abilities. This course will be supported by the grammar taught in RUSS 201.

**Reading List**

RUSS 204 Orals and Composition II
This course is a continuation of RUSS 203. The course aims at cultivating intermediate oral skills of the student and will involve expanded conversation on a variety of topics of every day life. It is also designed to help students to improve their writing skills and build their confidence, by engaging them in more complex writing exercises.

Reading List

RUSS 205 Russian History and Civilization
This course traces the major landmarks of Russian history from the Kievan Russ period to the Great October Socialist Revolution. It introduces the main achievements and problems of the Soviet era, as well as the Post-Perestroyka Russia. It also deals with the major political developments that defined the character of Russia at the end of the 20th and beginning of 21st century.

Reading List
http://www.studyrussian.com/history/history.html
http://www.dur.ac.uk/a.k.harrington/Russhist.HTML

RUSS 206 Introduction to Russian Literature
The course offers a brief treatment of Russian literature and deals with the origins of the Russian literary heritage. The focus of this course will be on the development of literary Russian from its beginning to the end of the 18th Century, capturing the major debates and activism. Students will also be introduced to folk tales, the Bylina, Dukhovniye stikhi and other religious literature in English translations.

Reading List
RUSS 301 Intermediate Russian Usage I
The course will discuss on more advanced aspects of different topics in Russian grammar. Students will be exposed to the right usage of tenses, aspects and their applications, different kind of pronouns etc. in grammatical and textual analysis. Errors commonly made by Ghanaian students, will be identified and solutions will be discussed.

Reading List

RUSS 302 Intermediate Russian Usage II
This course is a continuation of RUSS 301, and therefore it focuses on some more topics in Russian grammar, such as verbs of motion with and without prepositions, the imperative of Russian verbs, declension of nouns, names, adjectives and ordinal and cardinal numerals; relation between prepositions and prefixes, and others.

Reading List

RUSS 303 Comprehension and Oral Expression I
The course is designed to focus on enhancing students’ comprehension as well as their general written production, vocabulary and structural drills through texts analysis. The texts will be given first as assignment and later be discussed together in class. These texts are geared towards helping students to acquire an understanding of a wide range of styles and topics.

Reading List

RUSS 304 Comprehension to Oral Expression II
The focus of this course is on effective reading and understanding of texts, as well as fluency of speech. Selected Russian literary texts covering various topics will be provided for students to discuss and comment on. As in the first semester, students should familiarize themselves with the text before class.
**Reading List**


**RUSS 305 Language and Translation Skills I**

This course involves an in-depth review of grammar topics that learnt in RUSS 201 and RUSS 202 - Russian Grammar and Translation I-II. It will include the translation of journalistic and literary texts covering aspects of social, political and cultural events from and into Russian. The aim is to develop in students translation skills and consolidate the command of basic grammatical structures.

**Reading List**


**RUSS 306 Translation Exercises**

This course is a continuation of RUSS 305, and therefore it is intended to further improve students’ language proficiency and translation skills. This will be done through the translation of selected Russian and English texts mainly from journalism and literature. Journalistic texts selected for translation will reflect relevant contemporary issues.

**Reading List**


**RUSS 307 Selected Topics I**

This course is to provide the opportunity for the study of some topical issues not provided for in this syllabus. Such topics could be of academic and practical interests not only of the local staff but the visiting scholars of the University and benefit to students of Russian studies. Emphasis will be placed on contemporary issues of international significance.

**RUSS 308 Selected Topics II**

This course may be a continuation of RUSS 307, and therefore it may focus on the topic which was treated in the first semester. However, in some cases it may be a new topic, which gives another great opportunity to academics and students of Russian studies to benefit from its introduction.
RUSS 309  Introduction to Contemporary Russian Women Writers
This will begin with a general appreciation of the contribution of Russian women writers to the Russian literary culture. Special emphasis will subsequently be placed on current trends in female writing beginning from the period of Perestroika to present-day Russia. Selected texts of the leading female writers will be analysed.

Reading List

RUSS 310  Language Immersion I
This three-credit language immersion course at the University of Ghana during the long vacation between Levels 200 and 300 is a specially packaged 6-7 weeks long intensive study of Russian language. Students who want to improve their proficiency in the language are advised to take this course. It is important to note that, the admission to this course is not free. RUSS 310 will be credited to students during the level 300 courses.

RUSS 311  Aspects of Russian Romantic Literature
In this course students will be introduced to some outstanding texts of the Romantic period in Russian literature. The course aims both to develop students’ ability to read and appreciate literary texts and to equip them for further exploration of early nineteenth century literature in later related courses. Works of the following authors will be covered: Pushkin, Gogol and Lermontov.

Reading List

RUSS 312  Introduction to 19th Century Russian Realism
This course is designed as an introduction to key authors and representatives of the literary techniques of the great Realist period in Russian literature of the mid-nineteenth century. The study of some selected stories by Gogol, Pushkin and Chekhov, should provide students with insights into the possibilities for variety within the context of Realist prose.
**Reading List**

**RUSS 313 Russian Drama**
This course involves the literary appreciation and analysis of Russian drama. This will be preceded by a survey of the history and development of this aspect of Russian literature through the work of some selected authors. Special focus will be placed on such playwrights as Alexander Griboedov, Alexander Ostrovsky, Nikolai Gogol and Anton Chekhov.

**Reading List**

**RUSS 314 Aspects of Modern Russian Literature**
This course deals with the study of modern trends in the Russian literary development through the study of some selected writers. This will take into special consideration the emerging trends in the Russian literary culture following the demise of the Soviet Union. Special attention may be made on some contemporary Russian writers.

**Reading List**

**RUSS 315 Introduction to Modern Russian Lexicology (Prerequisite for RUSS 316)**
This course, a prerequisite for RUSS 316, involves the study of the lexicological structure of Modern Russian. Special emphasis will be placed on such devices as derivation, polysemy and its types (metaphor, metonymy and synecdoche), synonymy, antonymy and homonymy. The course is designed to sharpen students’ general comprehension, translation and communication skills.
Reading List

RUSS 316  Aspects of Modern Russian Lexicology
This course follows from RUSS 315 and is designed to give students a deeper understanding of Russian lexicology. The objective of the course is to facilitate students’ understanding of Russian language in different areas, such as general comprehension, translation and communication skills. This involves an in-depth study of Russian phraseology, borrowing, neologisms and terminology.

Reading List

RUSS 317  Introduction to Modern Russian Morphology
This involves the study of current trends in modern Russian morphology. The course will concentrate on the structure of Russian words, with particular reference to the Noun, the Adjective, the Verb and the Adverb. The course is designed to enhance students’ understanding of the language especially in the area of comprehension and translation.

Reading List

RUSS 318  Aspects of Modern Russian Morphology
This course follows from RUSS 317 and is designed to give students a deeper understanding of Russian morphology. Areas to be covered include current trends in modern Russian morphology with particular reference to the Noun, the Adjective, the Verb and the Adverb the Pronoun, the Numeral, and impersonal predicative words.

Reading List
RUSS 321  Introduction to Modern Russian Syntax
In this course special attention will be given to those problems of Russian syntax which generally prove to be particularly difficult for non-native students of Russian. It will involve the study of basic concepts such as word combination, types of word combinations, syntactic agreement in word combinations, parataxis, the components of sentence and their mood of expression

Reading List

RUSS 322  Aspects of Modern Russian Syntax
This course follows from RUSS 321 and is designed to give students a deeper understanding of Russian syntax. The course will involve the study of the structure of compound and complex sentences and moods of their expression. Considering the inflective nature of the Russian language, the course will appreciably enhance the students’ oral and comprehension skills.

Reading List

RUSS 323  Contemporary Russia: Politics and Society and the new World Order
This course looks at the internal and external dynamics that are propelling Russia’s socio-political development in the twenty-first century and the new Russian society which has emerged in the post-Soviet era. It will also delve into aspects of Russia’s strivings to reassert itself in the emerging new global geopolitical order and the impact this has on developing countries, especially in Africa.

Reading List

RUSS 324  Russian Cinema
In this course, students will be introduced to the major trends and themes of Russian cinema from the close of the 20th century to the beginning of the 21st century. Emphasis will be placed on the role of cinema in the
creation and consolidation of the Russian experience throughout the periods under consideration. Students will be required to do independent viewing and appreciation of Russian films outside the classroom setting.

**Reading List**


**RUSS 325 Linguistic Study of Russian Songs**

This course will focus on the study of Russian songs. It is designed for those who would like to learn Russian language and culture in an easier way. The Russian society will be presented through different kind of songs such as traditional songs, bard songs, gypsy songs, children’s songs, and modern Russian or popular songs.

**Reading List**


**RUSS 326 Russian Press**

This course deals with the emergence of the pluralistic press in Russia. A brief history of the Soviet press will be covered to enhance students’ understanding of the interface of knowledge and language for example. Special attention will be given to the linguistic, political and socio-cultural features of both the serious and tabloid press of modern-day Russia.

**Reading List**


**DMLA 401 Research Methods**

This course takes students through the practical steps necessary for carrying out and independent research work on Foreign Languages and Literatures. It will cover types of research methods, research processes, including the selection of a topic, data collection, abstracts, introductions, conclusions, review of literature, bibliography compilation etc. Students are required to submit independent research projects at the end of the course.

This is a required course for students in the Department of Modern Languages who have not taken a Research Methods course in another Department.

**Reading List**

RUSS 400   Long Essay
Students will be required to write a dissertation in Russian of not less than 15,000 words to be supervised by a faculty member. The dissertation should be an approved topic from literature, language or current trends in Russian thought. Students, willing to do graduate course in Russian are advised to take this course.

RUSS 401   Advanced Russian Proficiency I
This course involves a comprehensive study of Russian grammar on an advanced level, emphasizing reading and writing skills. It will focus on the grammatical structures which foreign students find difficult, for example the participle, the gerund and other passive construction, so that they can attain a high level of language proficiency.

Reading List

RUSS 402   Advanced Russian Proficiency II
This course follows from RUSS 401. It involves a more comprehensive study of Russian grammar on an advanced level, emphasizing reading and writing skills on more complex topics. A communicative approach involving discussions of essay topics, translation of official and business letters etc. will be adopted to enhance proficiency of the expected level.

Reading List

RUSS 403   Oral for Academic and Professional Purposes I
This course is designed to develop advanced conversational skills in a variety of situations and subjects. It prepares students to attain oral proficiency in which students should exhibit real competence in reading, comprehension and self-expression. Students would be expected to do out of class reading of selected texts and/or viewing of selected films.
**Reading List**


**RUSS 404 Advanced Oral Expressions**

This course follows from RUSS 403. It is designed to improve students’ communicative skills that are required to understand details and main ideas of advanced spoken and written texts in contemporary standard Russian. Students would be expected to do out of class reading of selected texts and/or viewing of selected films.

**Reading List**

Articles extracted from current printed and online Russian news papers, magazines etc.


**RUSS 405 Advanced Translation Skills I**

This course is designed to further consolidate translation skills, acquired earlier. At this stage, for translation all kind of Russian and English texts from varied thematic areas will be selected. These will include, but not limited to texts that reflect typical Russian and Ghanaian settings of the past and present days.

**Reading List**


**RUSS 406 Advanced Translation Skills II**

This course follows RUSS 405 and as such it is designed to improve students’ translation skills to a higher level. At this stage more complex texts from a variety of sources will be used. Students will be expected to handle cultural nuances, non-translatable linguistic units and also attempt the translation of simple technical, scientific and legal documents.

**Reading List**


**RUSS 407 Selected Topics I**
This course is to provide the opportunity for the study of some topical issues not provided for in this syllabus in an advanced level. Such topics could be of academic and practical interests not only of the local staff but the visiting scholars of the University and benefit to students of Russian studies. Emphasis will be placed on contemporary issues of international significance.

**Reading List**
This will depend on the selected topics

**RUSS 408 Selected Topics II**
This course may be a continuation of RUSS 407, and therefore it may focus on the topic which was treated in the first semester. However, in some cases it may be a new topic, which gives another great opportunity to academics and students of Russian studies to benefit from its introduction.

**Reading List**
This will depend on the selected topics

**RUSS 409 The Russian Realist Novel**
The Russian realist novel is the most widely appreciated contributors to the Russian literature to the common culture of Europe and the Western world. Yet it developed relatively late and flourished for only a short period.
The course is devoted to in-depth studies of selected works by the three best-known Russian realist novelists of the mid-nineteenth century- Lev Tolstoy, Turgenev and Dostoyevsky.

**Reading List**

**RUSS 410 Language Immersion II**
This three-credit language immersion course at the University of Ghana during the long vacation between Levels 300 and 400 is a specially packaged 6-7 week long intensive study of Russian language. Students who want to improve their proficiency in the language are advised to take this course. It is important to note that admission into this course is not free. RUSS 410 will be credited to students together with the other level 400 courses.

**RUSS 411 Russian/Soviet Literature of the 20th Century (Special Author)**
This course involves a detailed study of the life and work of a major Russian literary figure of the Soviet period. Such author will not have previously featured in the syllabus. Two of the selected author’s works which reflect his or her unique experiences as well as his or her literary imaginations against the broader picture of Soviet reality shall be studied in detail.
Reading List

RUSS 412 Aspects of 20th Century Russian Literature
This course involves a detailed study of some literary works to be selected from among the key authors of the period: Mayakovsky, Blok, Gorky, Sholokhov, Nabokov, Solzhenitsyn, Beberova. It will involve among other things the background study of the historical circumstances of each selected work as well as its literary, stylistic and political significance.

Reading List

RUSS 413 Russian Prose since the Thaw
This course will survey developments in Russian Literature since the death of Stalin, including the Thaw of the 1950s and 1960s, as well as the effects of perestroika and glasnost under Gorbachev in the 1980s. The emphasis will be on the rethinking of the role of literature in society in the context of the relaxation of political control and censorship. Novels by Solzhenitsyn, Voinovich, Rasputin and Grekova will be studied.

Reading List

RUSS 414 Russian Literature in Emigration
This course involves the study of Russian émigré writing with a focus on selected works of twentieth century authors. Special attention will be given to those authors who have received worldwide recognition in this particular area of Russian literature. These will include such authors as Nabokov, Bunin, Brodsky and Solzhenitsyn.

Reading List


**RUSS 415 Introduction to Russian Semantics**

This course involves an introductory study of semantics as a branch of linguistics science with particular reference to meaning, types of meaning, basic concepts in semantics such as sentence, utterance, proportion and differences, the semantics of the word, and changes of meaning of the word; meaning and its relationship with inner-speech form, as well as meaning and context dependence, the relationship between semantics and Pragmatics. Special emphasis will be placed on text analysis and study.

**Reading List**


**RUSS 416 Aspects of Modern Russian Semantic**

This course involves the study of hyponymy, semantic shifts with particular reference to semantic extension, semantic narrowing, semantic amelioration, semantic degeneration, semantic intensification, semantic weakening, as well as basic semantic theories, such as semantic fields, and lexical and semantic micro-systems in the language. The course is designed to provide students with the opportunity to enhance their skills in comprehension and general language application.

**Reading List**


**RUSS 417 Introduction to Russian Stylistics**

This course is designed to deepen the student’s understanding of the differentiation of the Russian language in the spheres of its application (formal, bookish, neutral, slang, terminology). It will also involve an introduction to the basic concepts of functional styles of the Russian language in their varied thematic areas. The focus will be on the practical aspect of improving students' writing skills.

**Reading List**

RUSS 418  Aspects of Modern Russian Stylistics
The course is designed to further develop students' understanding of the grammatical and lexical norms and peculiarities of the functional styles of modern Russian language. Students will be taught to stylistically evaluate language variants and to classify language mistakes as well as distinguish stylistic features of various texts through analysis. Emphasis will be placed on further deepening the students’ writing skills.

Reading List

RUSS 420  Study Abroad
This is a two-semester six-credit course in Russian language, literature and culture to be undertaken in an institution in Russia. This will ordinarily be undertaken after Level 300. Only students combining or majoring can take this course. RUSS 420 will be credited to students together with the other level 400 courses.

RUSS 421  Foreign Policy in the Soviet Era
The course involves the study of Russian foreign policy as it evolved from the period immediately after the Great October Socialist Revolution in 1917 up to the era of Perestroika and Glastnost in the 1980s. Special emphasis will be placed on the foreign policy of the then Soviet Union towards Africa.

Reading List

RUSS 422  Contemporary Russian Foreign Policy
This course will analyze the new paradigms that inform present-day Russian foreign policy following the disintegration of the Soviet Union in the 1990s. It will focus specifically on the legacy of the Cold War and the geopolitical underpinnings of Russian foreign policy. Special emphasis will be placed on the new relationships between Russia and the countries of the African continent.

Reading List

RUSS 423  Russian Women as Peace Maker
This course will be a contrastive study of literature written by men and women, revealing their differing experiences. Emphasis will be placed on those experiences derived from both the pre-Perestroika and post-Perestroika periods. The course will examine the constructions of women as “peacemakers” and also the relevance of the “peace” concept in Soviet literature in the first place.
**Reading List**


**RUSS 424 Linguistic Study of Contemporary Russian Culture**

This course is designed to enable students to have a deeper understanding of the Russian language from some specific cultural perspectives. This will be done by giving students the opportunity to appreciate current trends in Russian national culture through the linguistic study of relevant original Russian texts, films and folklore.

**Reading List**


**RUSS 425 Business Russian**

This course aims to provide students with a basic understanding of the lexical and syntactic properties of Business Russian. Students will also be taken through business letter-writing skills and etiquette as well as the use of the Russian computer interface. Special attention will be made on the differences of business languages used in Russia and Ghana.

**Reading List**


**RUSS 426 Advanced Business Russian**

This course proceeds from RUSS 425, and it involves the further development of communicative competence with a focus on the practical application of Russian business-specific literature. This will be done mainly through the use of business documents and articles. It also involves the deeper study of advanced business communication relating to the writing of business contracts and agreements in Russian.

**Reading List**


This course is designed for students who have an interest in the teaching of foreign languages, particularly Russian. It aims at giving students some knowledge in the various notions of teaching methodology and practices. A historical review of all teaching methods and a detailed study of the communicative approach will be part of the course.

**Reading List**


*IT in teaching Russian as a foreign language*. Teacher's guide. Russki yazyk.
