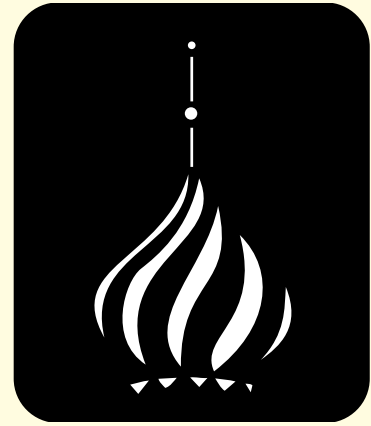


# RUSSIAN



MINOR

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Russian language program provides students with an opportunity to learn the world's second scientific language and to become familiar with the language, culture and literature of the Russian speaking people.

The Russian language program has two phases. Phase I, RUSS 1A through 2B, is designed to provide an intermediate, practical command of spoken and written Russian and to introduce the most obvious differences between the Russian and U.S. culture. Upon completion of RUSS 2B, students are able to converse at an elementary to intermediate level and to read Russian language newspapers, magazines and simple short stories with the aid of a dictionary.

Phase II of the Russian language program, at least six upper division units, is designed to provide advanced speaking, writing, reading, translating and grammar practice for Russian language minors.

The CSUS Office of International Programs administers a one-to-one student exchange with Moscow Linguistics University (MLU). CSUS students may apply for a semester or year program at MLU. Credits earned at MLU may be applied either to the CSUS Russian minor or, in certain instances, to special majors. Students must successfully complete at least one year of college level Russian language study before applying for the exchange.

CSUS has a local chapter of Dobro Slovo, the National Slavic Honor Society, a Russian club, and a collection of Russian language tapes, videos, records and filmstrips.

**Note:** Proficiency posting to students' permanent transcripts is available through the Department of Foreign Languages. Proficiency in Russian is measured by a two part examination.

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## MINOR REQUIREMENTS

A minor in Russian requires a minimum of 12 units of which at least six must be upper division units in Russian. The courses must be approved by an advisor in Russian. Transfer students must complete at least one 3 unit upper division Russian course at CSUS.

Students who intend to take the National Security Agency Russian language test as part of their application for employment upon completion of their baccalaureate degree are advised to successfully complete a minimum of 24 semester units of Russian language study. Literature-in-translation courses do not count as part of the minimum, nor do they count as upper division coursework credited toward the minor.

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## LOWER DIVISION COURSES

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Students who have begun the study of Russian before enrolling at California State University, Sacramento, should consult an advisor in Russian before selecting their first course.

**1A. Elementary Russian.** A beginning course in the Russian language with primary emphasis on the development of communication skills. Russian life and culture are introduced through readings and video/filmstrips. 5 units.

**1B. Elementary Russian.** A continuation of RUSS 1A. Continued emphasis on communication skills and continued integration of cultural-historical components with the language learning experience. **Prerequisite:** RUSS 1A or permission of instructor. 5 units.

**2A. Intermediate Russian.** A continuation of RUSS 1 with further emphasis on the development of communication skills. Meets the Foreign Language Graduation Proficiency Requirement. **Prerequisite:** RUSS 1B or permission of instructor. Fall only. 4 units.

**2B. Intermediate Russian.** A continuation of RUSS 2A. Meets the Foreign Language Graduation Proficiency Requirement. **Prerequisite:** RUSS 2A or permission of instructor. Spring only. 4 units.

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## UPPER DIVISION COURSES

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Previous study equivalent to the completion of a second-year college Russian course is the minimum prerequisite for admission to any upper division course unless otherwise specified.

**101. Advanced Composition and Conversation.** Oral and written practice based on readings in Russian prose. Intensive review and supplementation of the acquired knowledge of Russian. Fall only, every other year. 3 units.

**102. Readings in Russian Culture.** Reading and discussion of representative documents from Russian cultural, social, and political history beginning with the Eighteenth Century. Fall only, every other year. 3 units.

**105. Advanced Russian Language Practice.** Small group instruction for upper division students desiring to improve their skills in mastering the language. Content and emphasis changes every semester. May be taken for credit three times. Spring only. 3 units.

**194. Field Experience/Internship.** Directed fieldwork in a project which uses the language skills developed through previous study of Russian. The projects may include interpreting and translating for public and/or private agencies in Sacramento, teaching or tutoring Russian immigrants, or other projects approved by the faculty supervisor. All work will be monitored by CSUS faculty. The student must submit written reports to his/her supervisor. Can be taken more than once for credit. **Prerequisites:** intermediate competency in Russian and permission of instructor. Graded Credit/No Credit. 1-3 units.

**195. Fieldwork — Tutoring.** Tutoring of lower division students of Russian, under supervision of instructor. Three hours of tutoring per week for each unit. May be taken for credit more than once. **Prerequisites:** intermediate competency in Russian and permission of supervising instructor. Graded Credit/No Credit. 1-3 units.

**199. Special Problems.** Individual projects or directed reading. Open only to students who are competent to carry on independent study. **Note:** admission requires the approval of the instructor by whom the work is to be supervised. 1-3 units.