

Russian

**RUSSIAN – RUSS**

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**Possible career opportunities**

The study of Russian can open up opportunities in communications, foreign trade and banking, transportation, government, the Foreign Service, tourism, library services, teaching, professional translating, journalism, and all levels of education, including university teaching. Most foreign language careers require more than two years of study.

**Associate in arts degree  
Russian**

Students completing the program will be able to...

- A. communicate verbally in the target language with accurate pronunciation in meaningful situation present in both informal and formal contexts.
- B. effectively apply rules of grammar and syntax in tandem with appropriate vocabulary in written and oral communication.
- C. demonstrate auditory comprehension of instruction, authentic content, and purposeful conversations in the target language.
- D. discuss, describe, and infer information from authentic texts in the target language.
- E. demonstrate cultural appreciation by making (comparative) connections, on both an individual and societal level, between the target cultures and students' own cultures.
- F. create (write or present) narratives and/or arguments that demonstrate cohesive critical thinking in the target language.

The associate in arts degree in Russian at DVC will provide students with skills in understanding, speaking, reading and writing Russian. It also gives students a greater understanding of Russian culture and civilization and will prepare them for a broad range of international and domestic career opportunities and professions. The degree will also provide students the opportunity to transfer to UC, CSU and other four year colleges and universities to earn a bachelor's degree.

The DVC Russian major is intended for transfer. Students who intend to transfer must consult with a program advisor or counselor to ensure that the requirements for transfer to baccalaureate-granting institutions of their choice are met. Students who intend to transfer are advised to select General Education Option 2 (IGETC) or Option 3 (CSUGE). Option 1 (DVC General Education) is appropriate for those students who do not intend to transfer. Students may not take a credit/no credit option for major courses and each of the major requirements must be completed with a "C" grade or higher. Certain courses may satisfy both a major and a general education requirement; however, the units are counted only once.

To earn an associate in arts degree in Russian, students must complete 20 units from the list of major requirements, which will provide students with the essential grammar of the language, culture and basic literature of the Russian speaking countries.

<i>required courses:</i>		<i>units</i>
RUSS-120	First Term Russian .....	5
RUSS-121	Second Term Russian .....	5
RUSS-220	Third Term Russian .....	5
RUSS-221	Fourth Term Russian .....	5
<b>total minimum units for the major</b>		<b>20</b>

**Certificate of achievement  
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This certificate of achievement was created to give students the opportunity to show potential employers in this country and in other countries that the student has completed a certain number of courses in Russian and prepares students with an intermediate to advanced knowledge of Russian and familiarizes them with the culture of Russia and other Russian-speaking countries.

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This certificate of achievement provides students, prospective employers and others with documented evidence of persistence and academic accomplishment in the language. The certificate requires completion of a minimum of 15 units from the following list of courses. Students may not take a credit/no credit option for required courses and each course must be completed with a "C" grade or higher.

<i>complete at least 15 units from:</i>	<i>units</i>
RUSS-120 First Term Russian .....	5
RUSS-121 Second Term Russian .....	5
RUSS-220 Third Term Russian .....	5
RUSS-221 Fourth Term Russian .....	5
<b>total minimum required units</b>	<b>15</b>

**RUSS-120 First Term Russian**

- 5 units SC
- IGETC: 6A
  - 90 hours lecture per term
  - Note: This course is equivalent to two years of high school study.

This course provides an introduction to the Russian language and the culture of Russian-speaking countries. Topics include the four language skills: speaking, listening, reading and writing. Emphasis is placed on active use of the language in class as well as basic communicative functions and structures. CSU, UC

**RUSS-121 Second Term Russian**

- 5 units SC
- IGETC: 3B, 6A; CSU GE: C2; DVC GE: III
  - 90 hours lecture per term
  - Prerequisite: RUSS-120 or two years of high school study or equivalent
  - Note: Students may meet equivalency in a variety of ways. Students should seek assistance at Admissions and Records.

This is the second course in a sequence of Russian language courses. It addresses the understanding, speaking, reading and writing of the Russian language. The course continues to expand vocabulary, communicative functions, and structures. The course will continue the examination of the cultures of the Russian-speaking countries. CSU, UC

**RUSS-150 Topics in Russian**

- .3-4 units SC
- Variable hours

A supplemental course in Russian to provide a study of current concepts and problems in Russian and related subdivisions. Specific topics will be announced in the schedule of classes. CSU

**RUSS-220 Third Term Russian**

- 5 units SC
- IGETC: 3B, 6A; CSU GE: C2; DVC GE: III
  - 90 hours lecture per term
  - Prerequisite: RUSS-121 or three years of high school study or equivalent
  - Note: Students may meet equivalency in a variety of ways. Students should seek assistance at Admissions and Records.

This is the third term Russian course in the sequence that develops early intermediate fluency in understanding, speaking, reading and writing Russian. All verbal tenses are reviewed, expanded and refined. Advanced grammar concepts, new vocabulary, and idiomatic expressions are introduced. Selected readings about the culture and literature of Russian speaking countries will be explored. This course is taught mainly in Russian. CSU, UC

**RUSS-221 Fourth Term Russian**

- 5 units SC
- IGETC: 3B, 6A; CSU GE: C2; DVC GE: III
  - 90 hours lecture per term
  - Prerequisite: RUSS-220 or four years of high school study or equivalent
  - Note: Students may meet equivalency in a variety of ways. Students should seek assistance at Admissions and Records.

This is the fourth term Russian course in the sequence that develops intermediate fluency in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Russian. The grammatical moods are reviewed and developed; the sequences of tenses are introduced. Additional vocabulary and idiomatic expressions are introduced and connected to the selected readings. These readings about Russian culture and literature will be analyzed. This course is taught mainly in Russian. CSU, UC

**RUSS-299 Student Instructional Assistant**

- .5-3 units SC
- Variable hours
  - Note: Applications must be approved through the Instruction Office. Students must be supervised by a DVC instructor.

Students work as instructional assistants, lab assistants and research assistants in this department. The instructional assistants function as group discussion leaders, meet and assist students with problems and projects, or help instructors by setting up laboratory or demonstration apparatus. Students may not assist in course sections in which they are currently enrolled. CSU