

***In all 100-level language courses, students may not enroll in a course at a lower level once they have completed a more advanced-level course.***

We now offer new Intensive Courses in Russian. RUS 151 is offered in the fall and covers the material/skills from the old 101-102 courses. RUS 152 is offered in the spring and covers third and fourth semester material/skills. Each of these courses meets 4 days a week for 80 minutes each class day, plus a conversation hour (50 minutes) which typically meets on Wednesday. Each of these courses carries two units of academic credit. Students who have a TCNJ GPA of 3.3 or above are automatically approved to take 5 units if two of the five units are from a 151 or 152 intensive language course. For students in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, this overload does not count against their college-career limit of one overload in the four years. Students whose GPA is below 3.3 do not qualify for the automatic overload permission. Incoming freshmen and transfer students will not have a TCNJ GPA and are therefore not allowed to take five units until they can establish their TCNJ GPA at the required 3.3 level or higher.

## **Russian**

### **RUS 101/Russian for Beginners I 1 course unit**

(not offered in 2011-2012)

An introduction to spoken and written Russian, emphasizing aural comprehension and speaking, accompanied by practice in reading and writing. Cultural audio-visual materials complement the textbook and emphasize the link between language and culture. Recitation/conversation hour is required in RUS 101. Students with four or more years of high school study in Russian will not receive credit for 101

### **RUS 102/Russian for Beginners II 1 course unit**

(not offered in 2011-2012)

*Prerequisite:* RUS 101 or permission of instructor

An introduction to spoken and written Russian, emphasizing aural comprehension and speaking, accompanied by practice in reading and writing. Cultural audio-visual materials complement the textbook and emphasize the link between language and culture. Recitation/conversation hour is required in RUS 102.

### **RUS 103/Russian for Beginners III 1 course unit**

(not offered in 2011-2012)

*Prerequisite:* RUS 102 or permission of instructor

An introduction to spoken and written Russian, emphasizing aural comprehension and speaking, accompanied by practice in reading and writing. Cultural audio-visual materials complement the textbook and emphasize the link between language and culture. Recitation/conversation hour is required in RUS 103.

### **RUS 171 Contemporary Russia 1 course unit**

(spring)

An interdisciplinary survey course that does not require any knowledge of Russian. Students will learn about Russian culture, make comparisons between this culture and their own, and establish connections with other disciplines such as history, sociology, film studies, and literature. We will study both products and practices of Russian culture, participating in group-activities to analyze a broad range of texts including those representative of high culture (e.g., literature and film) and low culture (e.g., television commercials or expectations of riding in the subway in Moscow). Ultimately, students will gain a nuanced understanding of the social practices and expectations of Russians in their own native speech community and will develop and practice critical thinking skills in analyzing stereotypical ideas of Russia, Russians, and Russian culture.

Students will demonstrate a sophisticated understanding of Russia as a complex society with a turbulent history and a future fraught with both potential and challenge. Students with Russian-language expertise can opt to take the course for LAC credit with readings and papers in Russian.

**RUS 151 Beginning Intensive Russian I**

**2 course units**

(fall)

RUS 151 is an intensive introduction to spoken and written Russian, emphasizing aural comprehension and speaking, accompanied by practice in reading and writing. Cultural audio-visual materials complement written course materials and emphasize the link between language and culture. Conversation hour is required. RUS 151 replaces RUS 101 and 102, and covers the material from these two courses in a single semester. Students enrolled in RUS 151 will earn two course units for the course. There are no prerequisites for RUS 151, and the course assumes no prior knowledge of Russian. Students who have studied Russian prior to enrolling at The College of New Jersey should consult with the professor regarding adequate placement before registering.

**RUS 152 Beginning Intensive Russian II**

**2 course units**

(spring)

Prerequisites. A grade of C or above in RUS151, or permission of the instructor.

RUS 152 is an intensive course which builds on the introduction to spoken and written Russian from RUS151, emphasizing aural comprehension and speaking, accompanied by practice in reading and writing. Cultural audio-visual materials complement written course materials and emphasize the link between language and culture. Conversation hour is required. RUS 152 replaces RUS 103 and 201, and covers the material from these two courses in a single semester. Students enrolled in RUS 152 will earn two course units for the course.

**RUS 251 Second – Year Intensive Russian I**

**2 course units**

(fall)

Prerequisites. A grade of C or above in RUS 152, or permission of the instructor.

RUS 251 is an intensive second-year course in spoken and written contemporary standard Russian, emphasizing communicative practice in authentic cultural contexts. Cultural and audio-visual materials complement written course materials and emphasize the link between language and culture. Conversation hour is required.

**RUS 252 Second-Year Intensive Russian II**

**2 course units**

(spring)

Prerequisites: A grade of C or above in RUS 251, or permission of the instructor.

RUS 252 is an intensive second-year course in spoken and written contemporary standard Russian, emphasizing communicative practice in authentic cultural contexts. Cultural and audio-visual materials complement written course materials and emphasize the link between language and culture. Conversation hour is required.

**RUS 370/Topics in Russian**

**1 course unit**

(occasionally)

Prerequisite: Permission of Instructor

Focuses on a different topic each semester.

**RUS 391/Independent Study in Russian**

**variable course units**

(every semester)

Study of a topic related to Russian language, culture, or literature chosen after consultation between student and instructor.