

**Course Title:** Russian Culture and Civilization

**Course Code:** MCRU0813

**Type of course:** compulsory

**Level of course:** MA

**Year of study:** 1<sup>st</sup>

**Semester:** 1<sup>st</sup>

**Number of ECTS credits allocated:** 8

**Name of lecturer:** Ludmila Bejenaru

**Course objective:** creating a picture of Russia's specific contribution to European and world culture by: a presentation of the specific features of Russian culture

**Course contents:** Russia between the East and the West. The importance of space in building up the Russian identity. Russian concepts of Russia: Sacred Russia, Mother Russia. Stereotyping Russia: the Russian soul, the bear, and vices. Important moments and periods in Russian history. An overview of Russian art. Significant names in Russian culture. Some Romanian - Russian cultural contacts.

**Recommended reading:** Nicholas V. Riassanovsky 2001, *O istorie a Rusiei*, Institutul European, Iași; Antoaneta Olteanu, 1998, 2004. *Civilizatia rusa. Miturile Rusiei*, Paideea; Marchizul de Custine 2007, *Scrisori din Rusia. Rusia în 1839*, trad. Irina Negrea, Humanitas 2007; Vasile Florea 1979, *O istorie a artei ruse*, Buc., 1979; Fyodor Dostoievski 1998, *Lecturi teologice*, Polirom, Iasi.

**Teaching methods:** lectures, interactive approaches

**Assessment methods:** course paper, written and oral examination

**Language of instruction:** Romanian and Russian