

Course Title: Russian Culture, Civilization and Language Practice

Course Code: compulsory

Type of course: RU0813 (A), RU0815 (B)

Level of course: BA

Year of study: 1st

Semester: 1st

Number of ECTS credits allocated: 5/5

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Course objective: Presentation of the main themes of Russian culture and civilization, aiming at underlining the specific Russian contribution to the European and universal culture. Building up and developing students' language skills. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to comprehend simple written texts or short spoken passages without the support of a dictionary, and carry on a short elementary conversation

Course contents: Russia between East and West; the importance of space in the formation of the Russian identity; Russia as seen by the Russians; the Holy Russia, Mother Russia, stereotypes of Russia: the Russian soul, the bear, the vices; crucial periods and moments in Russian history; general presentation of the Russian art, focused mainly on the sacred art; cultural contacts between Romania and Russia. Intensive, intermediate, and advanced modules. This course covers in one semester all the basic grammar of Russian by a combination of oral drilling, reading, written and oral exercises and conversation especially created for and drawn from videos, CD-ROMs, and Internet resources. It provides students with a solid basic knowledge of the sound system, functional vocabulary, intonation patterns, and native pronunciation, main paradigms, syntactic structures, and practice in speaking and writing.

Recommended reading: Nicholas Ryassanovsky, *O istorie a Rusie*, Institutul European, 2002; Antoaneta Olteanu, 1998, 2004. *Civilizatia rusa. Miturile Rusiei*, Paideea; Textbook: Svetlana Le Fay 1991, *Colloquial Russian*, Routledge; *Zhivem i uchims'ya v Rossii*, red.Kapitonova T.I., Zlatoust, Petersburg, 2003; Marin Bucă, Galina Cernikova 1978, *Prakticeskaia grammatika russkogo jazyka*, EDP. Online resources

Teaching methods: lectures, interactive approaches

Assessment methods: course work 55%, tests 20%, written and oral examination 25%

Language of instruction: Russian, Romanian, English