

Course Title: Russian Literature

Course Code: RU0822 (A), RO0825 (B)

Type of course: compulsory

Level of course: BA

Year of study: 1st

Semester: 2nd

Number of ECTS credits allocated: 5/5

Name of the lecturer: Leonte Ivanov

Course objective: Presentation and analysis of some operational concepts of Russian language and literature, development of the critical perception of a literary phenomenon on the background of a larger cultural frame

Course contents: 1. Old Russian Literature. Folklore and mythological traditions as inspiration sources, Byzantine models, Christianity and literature, presentation of the most important texts of the period. The culture – literature – history symbiosis; the separation from the Church; the strong impact of French Enlightenment upon Russia; cultural mentality; authors and works. All these complex issues regarding the literary and cultural life of Russia between the 10th – 18th centuries are presented from a dynamic perspective, meant to give students a better understanding of the Russian literary works of the "golden century". Traits of the Russian national character, ethnic symbols and stereotypes. Old Russian literature: general presentation, genres and types. Patristic literature, chronicles, the oratorical genre, didactic literature, travel books. Myth and history.

Recommended reading: *Cronica lui Nestor*, in: *Izvoarele istoriei românilor*, vol. VII, București 1935 (the Primary Chronicle translated into Romanian); *Cîntec despre oastea lui Igor 1999*, în: *Kitej-grad*, nr. 2-4/1999 (The Song of Igor's Campaign); Nikolai V. Gogol 2000, *Vii*, in: *Opere*, vol I. Editura Polirom, Iași; Dmitri Likhachev 1967, *Poetika drevnerusskoi literatury*, Leningrad; Nikoai N. Berdiaev 1998, *Cunoașterea de sine*, București (Samopoznanie); Evgheni N. Trubețkoi 1999, *Trei eseuri despre icoană*, București

Teaching methods: lectures, interactive approaches

Assessment methods: (a) intermediate test (written); (b) final test (written)

Language of instruction: Romanian and Russian