RUSS 001 Elementary Russian I
This course develops elementary skills in reading, speaking, understanding and writing the Russian language. We will work with an exciting range of authentic written materials, the Internet, videos and recordings relating to the dynamic scene of Russia today. At the end of the course students will be comfortable with the Russian alphabet and will be able to read simplified literary, commercial, and other types of texts (signs, menus, short news articles, short stories) and participate in elementary conversations about daily life (who you are, what you do every day, where you are from, likes and dislikes).
For BA Students: Language Course
Course usually offered in fall term
Also Offered As: RUSS 501
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit

RUSS 002 Elementary Russian II
Continuation of RUSS001. Further work developing basic language skills using exciting authentic materials about life in present-day Russia. At the conclusion of the course, students will be prepared to negotiate most basic communication needs in Russia (getting around town, ordering a meal, buying goods and services, polite conversation about topics of interest) and to comprehend most texts and spoken material at a basic level.
For BA Students: Language Course
Taught by: Peeney/Alley
Course usually offered in spring term
Also Offered As: RUSS 502
Prerequisite: RUSS 001
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit

RUSS 003 Intermediate Russian I
This course will develop your ability to use the Russian language in the context of typical everyday situations, including university life, family, shopping, entertainment, etc. Role-playing, skits, short readings from literature and the current press, and video clips will be used to help students improve their language skills and their understanding of Russian culture. At the end of the semester you will be able to read and write short texts about your daily schedule and interests, to understand brief newspaper articles, films and short literary texts, and to express your opinions in Russian. In combination with RUSS 004, this course prepares students to satisfy the language competency requirement.
For BA Students: Language Course
Taught by: Peeney/Alley
Course usually offered in fall term
Also Offered As: RUSS 503
Prerequisite: RUSS 002 OR RUSS 502 OR RUSS 105
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit

RUSS 004 Intermediate Russian II
A continuation of RUSS003. This course will further develop your ability to use the Russian language in the context of everyday situations (including relationships, travel and geography, leisure activities) and also through reading and discussion of elementary facts about Russian history, excerpts from classic literature and the contemporary press and film excerpts. At the end of the course you will be able to negotiate most daily situations, to comprehend most spoken and written Russian, to state and defend your point of view. Successful completion of the course prepares students to satisfy the language competency requirement.
For BA Students: Last Language Course
Taught by: Peeney/Alley
Course usually offered in spring term
Also Offered As: RUSS 504
Prerequisite: RUSS 003
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit

RUSS 105 Accelerated Elementary Russian
TWO IN ONE: This is an intensive two-credit course covering two semesters of the first-year sequence (RUSS001 and 002). The course is designed for students with no background in Russian and develops language competence in speaking, reading, writing and understanding contemporary Russian. Class work emphasizes development of communication skills and cultural awareness. Together with RUSS003 and 004 fulfills Penn Language Requirement.
For BA Students: Language Course
Course not offered every year
Activity: Lecture
2.0 Course Units

RUSS 311 Advanced Russian Conversation and Composition I
This course develops students’ skills in speaking and writing about topics in Russian literature, contemporary society, politics, and everyday life. Topics include women, work and family; sexuality; the economic situation; environmental problems; and life values. Materials include selected short stories by 19th and 20th century Russian authors, video-clips of interviews, excerpts from films, and articles from the Russian media. Continued work on grammar and vocabulary building.
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Course usually offered in fall term
Also Offered As: RUSS 511
Prerequisite: RUSS 004 OR RUSS 504
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit

RUSS 312 Advanced Russian Conversation and Composition II
Primary emphasis on speaking, writing, and listening. Development of advanced conversational skills needed to carry a discussion or to deliver a complex narrative. This course will be based on a wide variety of topics from everyday life to the discussion of political and cultural events. Russian culture and history surveyed briefly. Materials include Russian TV broadcast, newspapers, Internet, selected short stories by contemporary Russian writers. Offered each spring.
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Course usually offered in spring term
Also Offered As: RUSS 512
Prerequisite: RUSS 311
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit
RUSS 360 Russian for Heritage Speakers I
This course is intended for students who have spoken Russian at home and seek to achieve proficiency in the language. Topics will include an intensive introduction to the Russian writing system and grammar, focusing on exciting materials and examples drawn from classic and contemporary Russian culture and social life. Students who complete this course in combination with RUSS 361 satisfy the Penn Language Requirement. Prerequisite: Previous language experience required.
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Taught by: Nazyrova
Course usually offered in fall term
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit
Notes: Previous language experience required

RUSS 361 Russian for Heritage Speakers II
This course is a continuation of RUSS 360. In some cases, students who did not take RUSS 360 but have basic reading and writing skills may be permitted to enroll with the instructor’s permission. Students who complete RUSS 361 with a passing grade will satisfy the Penn Language Requirement.
For BA Students: Last Language Course
Taught by: Nazyrova
Course usually offered in spring term
Prerequisite: RUSS 360
Activity: Lecture
1.0 Course Unit

RUSS 508 Advanced Russian for Business
This advanced language course focuses on developing effective oral and written communication skills for working in a Russian-speaking business environment. Students will discuss major aspects of Russian business today and learn about various Russian companies using material from the current Russian business press. In addition, students will be engaged in a number of creative projects, such as business negotiation simulations, and simulation of creating a company in Russia.
Prerequisite: At least one RUSS 400-level course or comparable language competence.
For BA Students: Advanced Language Course
Taught by: Bourlatskaya
Course not offered every year
Activity: Seminar
1.0 Course Unit