

## Modern and Classical Languages - Russian, Spanish

LATN 491, 492 Research (2 credits)

LATN 493, 494 Research (4 credits)

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LATN 495, 496 Individual Study (2 credits)

LATN 497, 498 Individual Study (4 credits)

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### **Russian**

The objectives of the Russian program are to provide students the opportunity:

1. To learn the basics of Russian language for reading and for communicating in everyday situations
2. To acquire an elementary knowledge of the culture of the people using this study of the language – at home or abroad – for purposes of business, government work, teaching, literacy or linguistic studies
3. To provide the foundation for earning a major or minor in the language

Four courses are currently offered (which fulfill the language requirement for the Russian, Central and East European area studies major). Classes meet three periods a week, with a flexible fourth period devoted specifically to oral proficiency taught usually by a native Russian speaker. Students with previous high school study of Russian will be tested for appropriate placement. Students wishing to major or minor in Russian may do so by special arrangement with Macalester College and approval of the chair of the Department of Modern and Classical Languages at the University of St. Thomas.

### **Minor in Russian**

Completion of RUSS 212 or equivalent

*Plus:*

Two advanced Russian language or literature courses

### **RUSS 111 Elementary Russian I (4 credits)**

Introduction to the Russian sound system and grammar encompassing reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. Some exposure to Russian culture. Offered in fall semester.

### **RUSS 112 Elementary Russian II (4 credits)**

Continuation of RUSS 111 with further development of same skills. Offered in spring semester.

Prerequisite: RUSS 111 or permission of instructor

### **RUSS 211 Intermediate Russian I (4 credits)**

Continuation of RUSS 112 expanding on the fundamentals, with more emphasis on listening and speaking skills needed in everyday situations in the culture, more reading of authentic short texts of various types. Offered in fall semester.

Prerequisite: RUSS 112 or permission of instructor

### **RUSS 212 Intermediate Russian II (4 credits)**

Further development of skills begun in RUSS 211 plus learning to translate and use more advanced grammatical forms (complex verbs of motion, participles, *etc.*) in written and oral presentations. Upon successful completion of this course, the student should be prepared to study in Russia. Offered spring semester.

Prerequisite: RUSS 211 or permission of instructor

### **Spanish**

The Spanish program provides students the opportunity to develop a solid command of the Spanish language, and an understanding of the literature, culture, and linguistics of the Hispanic world. Diverse course offerings allow students, in consultation with their advisers, to tailor a program of studies consistent with various goals: to prepare for graduate school, to usefully complement a variety of majors (business, political science, psychology, *etc.*), to interact with Spanish-speaking people in the US and abroad, to analyze the Spanish language and apply what is learned to a variety of contexts, and to read great Spanish and Spanish American literature. We offer (and strongly recommend) study abroad as a fundamental component of the Spanish major.

### **Major in Spanish**

In consultation with their major field adviser, students must complete thirty-six (36) credits in courses numbered 300 and above:

*Required Core Courses:*

SPAN 300 Advanced Spanish Grammar (4 credits)

SPAN 301 Advanced Written Spanish and Culture (4 credits)

SPAN 305 Spanish Oral Expression and Culture (4 credits)

SPAN 335 Introduction to Spanish Literature (4 credits)

Note: Students must earn a C- or better in each course