

RUSS S-1013. Advanced Russian (CRN: 30225)

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This course is designed for students who wish to further develop their speaking and reading proficiency. Vocabulary development emphasizes verbs and verb government as essential to effective communication. Grammar work includes both the review of difficult topics and the introduction of new material. Work on reading comprehension makes use of the study of word formation to decrease reliance on the dictionary. Original texts for reading and daily discussion are drawn from classic and contemporary Russian literature, including works by Chekhov, Dostoevsky, Shvartz, and Akhmatova, as well as from contemporary film. The pace of this course is rapid and requires a total time commitment (including class time) of 5 or more hours per day.