

Module title: Reading Contemporary Russia

Module code: RUS4205

Credit value: 15

Level: 4

Pre-requisite modules:

Content Description

Reading Contemporary Russia consists of reading comprehension and content analysis of simple texts on contemporary Russia. The main focus of the class is to introduce students to current cultural, social, and political issues, using books, newspaper articles, journals, TV and radio broadcasts, and web sources from Russia. Selected readings and films will familiarize students with culture and features of everyday life.

Module Aims

Students cannot truly master the language until they master the cultural context in which the language occurs. The main aims of this module are to introduce students to different aspects of Russian culture; to encourage an enthusiasm for Russian language and culture and to promote the skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking in Russian by means of authentic language sources.

Learning Outcomes

Academic Content:

A1 On completion of this module, students will be able to read and understand Russian texts at B1 level.

A2 On the completion of this module, students will have broad knowledge of different aspects of Russian culture and everyday life.

Disciplinary Skills – able to:

B1 Understand sentences and frequently used expressions on a number of topics (e.g., Russian geography, famous people).

B2 Read and understand basic authentic sources (advertisements, timetables, etc.).

Attributes:

C1 Learn Continuously in a Changing World.

C2 Have a Global Perspective.

C3 Demonstrate Rounded Intellectual Development.

Activity Hours

Activity Type	Time spent (hours)
Lecture	11
Seminar	11
Guided independent study	128
Total	150

Indicative Reading List

- Золотые страницы русской культуры by В.М.Соловьёв (РЯ Курсы, 2010)

- С Россией на "ты" by В.Сосновски, М. Тульска-Будзяк (РЯ Курсы, 2014)
- О России и русских by Г.Г.Малышев (Златоуст, 2015))
- The course is supplemented by learning materials and weekly handouts prepared by the Russian department and available via QMPlus.