

## Russian: Cultural History (A703078)

**Course size** *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

**Credits 4.0**

**Study time 120 h**

**Course offerings in academic year 2024-2025**

**Lecturers in academic year 2024-2025**

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lecturer-in-charge

**Offered in the following programmes in 2024-2025**

**crdts**

**offering**

**Teaching languages**

Russian, Dutch

**Keywords**

Russian; Cultural history

**Position of the course**

"Russian : Cultural History" gives an overview of the history of Russia, providing students with broad background knowledge on the country, its society, institutions and culture. This study unit takes into account the language skills acquired in the first three semesters and prepares students for other culture-related units (Literature and Area Studies).

**Contents**

The study unit "Russian : Cultural History" gives an overview of the political, socio-economic and cultural aspects of Russian history, from the foundation of the Russian state in the 9th century until the present: Kievan-Rus', the Mongolian occupation, Moscovia, the Russian empire, the Golden Age of Russia, the Russian revolution and the Soviet era, Perestroika and Glasnost, Russia in the 21st Century. Special attention is paid to modern Russian art of the 20th and 21st century.

**Initial competences**

The final objectives of the different Russian study units of the first bachelor year.

**Final competences**

- 1 Having knowledge and understanding of the cultural, historical and institutional context of the Russian language area. (B.1.5.; assessed)
- 2 Having knowledge and understanding of the intercultural relations within the language area studied and between the Russian language area and other cultural areas. (B.1.5.; assessed)
- 3 Approaching current events in the language area from a cultural and historical perspective. (B.1.5.; assessed)
- 4 Having a critical understanding of the sources, heuristic methods and relevant instruments for research into the area of Russian cultural history. (B.2.2.; not assessed)
- 5 Having an understanding of the instruments needed to look up specific information on Russian cultural history. (B.2.2.; not assessed)
- 6 Having a command of the academic register in the foreign language. (B.2.3.: not assessed)
- 7 Answering examination questions in correct Russian. (B.6.3; assessed)

**Conditions for credit contract**

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

(Approved)

**Conditions for exam contract**

Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted

**Teaching methods**

Lecture, Independent work

**Extra information on the teaching methods**

The independent work consists of listening to music fragments and watching a number of films

**Study material**

None

**References**

Bezemer, J.W. (2001). *Een geschiedenis van Rusland. Van Rurik tot Gorbatsjov*. Amsterdam: Uitgeverij G.A. van Oorschot.  
Galeotti, M. (2020). *A Short History of Russia: From the Pagans to Putin*. Hanover Square Press.  
Malfliet, Katlijn (2004). *Rusland na de Sovjet-Unie. Een normaal land?* Tiel: Lannoo Campus.  
Rosefielde, Steven (2005). *Russia in the 21st Century. The Prodigal Superpower*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

**Course content-related study coaching**

Individual support on demand

**Assessment moments**

end-of-term assessment

**Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period**

Oral assessment

**Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period**

Oral assessment

**Examination methods in case of permanent assessment****Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment**

not applicable

**Extra information on the examination methods**

First session : oral examination (100%)  
Second session : oral examination (100%)

**Calculation of the examination mark**

First session : oral examination (100%)  
Second session : oral examination (100%)

**Facilities for Working Students**

Possibility to be exempted from attendance.  
Possibility to re-schedule examination to another date during the academic year.  
Feedback can be given on request.

**Addendum**

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