HUR

Russian Literature and Culture Courses in English

HUR 141-B The Age of Empire
A survey in English of major Russian writers of the 19th century, including Pushkin, Dostoevsky, and Tolstoy. A brief history of Russian literary masterpieces in the context of world literature and of major cultural movements such as the Renaissance, the Enlightenment, and Romanticism.
3 credits

HUR 142-B Culture and Revolution
HUR 142-B Culture and Revolution Introduction to the major texts of modern Russian literature. Topics include the social and aesthetic rebellions of writers confronted with political oppression (labor camps, prisons, Stalin’s reign of terror) or with outdated literary tradition. Typical cultural modes of rebellion, including avant-garde prose and poetry as well as popular forms of carnival and folk laughter, are explored in literature, theater, and film.
3 credits

HUR 231-I Saints and Fools
An introduction to literature about the lives of saints and the holy fool tradition in major texts of Russian and English literature. Emphasis is placed on the ways authors have used fundamental religious values of humility, the transcendent irrational, and kenosis to confront their own times. Authors considered range from monks to Dickens, Dumas, Chaucer, Gogol, and Pushkin; films include Murder in the Cathedral and Forrest Gump. This course is offered as both EGL 231 and HUR 231.
Advisory Prerequisite: Completion of D.E.C. category B
3 credits

HUR 232-I Rebels and Tyrants
An exploration of literary rebels and tyrants central to Russian and Anglo-American traditions. The subversive tactics of such writers as Shakespeare, Dostoevsky, Sir Walter Scott, Solzhenitsyn, and Salinger are appraised in the light of the dominant social, political, and aesthetic systems they confront. This course offered as both EGL 232 and HUR 232.
Advisory Prerequisite: Completion of D.E.C. category B
3 credits

HUR 235-G Crime and Punishment in World Literature
An exploration of the nature of crime and punishment in literature, including readings from Dostoevsky, Dickens, and Nabokov on the depiction of criminals, villains, acts of violence, and the moral code of their time. May be used to satisfy English major elective requirements.
Advisory Prerequisite: Completion of D.E.C. category B
3 credits

HUR 241-D Russian Cinema
Survey of major developments in Soviet and Russian cinema extending from the groundbreaking innovations of Soviet montage to the popular cinema of the post-communist period. Emphasis on situating the works of, among others, Eisenstein, Tarkovsky, Muratova, Balabanov within the context of Russia’s tumultuous history and its distinct cultural traditions.
3 credits

HUR 249-I Russia Today
Contemporary cultural trends viewed in terms of their historic social and political context. Recent responses to historical change such as the breakup of the Soviet Union and its relation to the forces that brought about the Russian Revolution, the new economic order, and the search for Russian national identity are explored in literature, the arts, and media.
3 credits

HUR 341-G Russian Literature and the West
A topics course given in English on a major Russian author or literary movement in relation to European or American literature. Semester supplements to this Bulletin contain specific description when course is offered. May be repeated for credit as the topic changes. May be used to satisfy English or comparative literature major elective requirements with permission of major department.
Prerequisite: U3 or U4 standing
Advisory Prerequisite: One literature course at the 200 level or higher
3 credits

HUR 393-G Literary Analysis of Russian Texts
Selected topics in literary analysis focusing on the work of one or more Russian authors in translation. Semester supplements to this Bulletin contain specific description when course is offered. May be repeated for credit as the topic changes.
Prerequisite: One literature course at the 200 level or higher
3 credits