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## **RUS 350 Advanced Russian Composition, Conversation and Reading (4 Credits)**

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### ***Course Description***

This course further develops students' conversational, reading and composition skills through the review of grammar, broadening the vocabulary and perfecting pronunciation. Texts and classroom discussions include such topics as Russian culture, its people and language characteristics in different regions; as well as the Russian history, social and political issues.

### ***Course Format***

This course combines lectures, discussions, group work, private study and presentations.

### ***Attendance***

Attendance and class participation are mandatory. Students are allowed two unexcused absences during the semester.

### **Topical Course Outline**

Practice of writing skills: compositions and critiques;

Practice of oral skills: presentations and discussions of intercultural, social and political topics;

Reading and discussion of cultural and literary texts;

Broadening of vocabulary;

Understanding of more complex grammatical, semantic and stylistic issues.

### ***Required Readings***

Course pack and handouts provided.

The information contained in the course syllabus may be subject to change with reasonable advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.