

FACULTY OF LIBERAL ARTS

Undergraduate Programs

Bachelor of Arts (Russian Studies)

Objectives

1. To equip students with interdisciplinary knowledge which may help the country and world society achieve a significant breakthrough in human resources development by providing in depth instruction on the politics, government, economy, national defense, arts and cultures of Russia for students.
2. To equip students with skills on the Russian language.
3. To provide students with skills in effective communications and personal relations with the Russian people, which will in turn benefit individuals and the public as a whole.
4. To provide students with the knowledge of Russian affairs in order to meet the demands of job markets in Thailand's government, public sector and private sector.
5. To provide students with a good foundation of Russian Studies which will help them in their future careers, researches and further studies.

Structure of the curriculum

Students are required to complete at least 144 credit points. They must fulfill the curriculum requirements as follows:

1. General Education Courses	30	credit points
2. Specialized Courses	108	credit points
2.1 Major Compulsory Courses	54	credit points
2.2 Non-major Compulsory Courses	36	credit points
2.3 Compulsory Electives	18	credit points
3. Electives	6	credit points

Degree Requirements

1. General Education Courses	30	credit points
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Student must take general education courses which consist of 2 parts:

<i>Part 1 :</i>	21	credit points
- Humanities Compulsory 1 course		
TU 110 Integrated Humanities	3	credit points

- Social Sciences Compulsory 1 course		
TU 120 Integrated Social Sciences	3	credit points
- Sciences and Mathematics Compulsory 1 course		
TU 130 Integrated Sciences and Technology	3	credit points
- Sciences and Computer Electives 1 course	(3	credit points)
of the following courses:		
TU 151 General College Mathematics	3	credit points
TU 152 Fundamental Mathematics	3	credit points
TU 153 General Concept of Computer	3	credit points
TU 154 Foundation of Mathematics	3	credit points
TU 155 Elementary Statistics	3	credit points
(Fundamental Statistics)		
TU 156 Introduction to Computers and Programming	3	credit points
(Introduction to Computer)		
- Languages		
TH 161 Thai usage	3	credit points
EL 070 English Course 1	3	credit points
EL 171 English Course 2	3	credit points
EL 172 English Course 3	3	credit points

Part 2: 9 credit points

Compulsory 1 course

TH 162 Report Writing 3 credit points

Electives 2 courses (6 credit points) of the following courses:

TU 111 Thailand in Historical Social and Cultural Perspective 3 credit points

TU 112 Heritage of the Pre-modern World 3 credit points

TU 113 Fundamentals of Philosophy and Religions 3 credit points

TU 115 Man and His Literary Creativity 3 credit points

TU 116 Man and Arts: Visual Art, Music and Performing Arts 3 credit points

TU 117 Development of Modern World 3 credit points

TU 118 Thai Folk Cultural Landscape	3	credit points
TU 121 Man and Society	3	credit points
TU 122 Law in Everyday Life	3	credit points
TU 124 Society and Economy	3	credit points
PY 211 General Psychology	3	credit points

2. Specialized Courses 108 credit points

2.1 Major Compulsory Courses 54 credit points

Students must take 18 courses (54 credit points) of the following courses:

RU 211	RU 221	RU 222	RU 223
RU 224	RU 241	RU 321	RU 322
RU 323	RU 324	RU 325	RU 331
RU 341	RU 421	RU 422	RU 441
RU 451	RU 452		

Remark: Students must pass each of these courses with a minimum grade of 2.00

2.2 Non-major Compulsory Courses 36 credit points

Students are required to take 12 courses (36 credit points) of the following courses:

PH 201	PO 271	RS 171	RS 172
RS 211	RS 212	RS 311	RS 312
EC 210	EG 216	EG 221	EG 241

Remark: Students must pass all these courses with a minimum grade point average of 2.00 and obtain a minimum grade of 2.00 in RS 171, RS 172, RS 211, RS 212, RS 311 and RS 312

2.3 Compulsory Electives 18 credit points

Students must choose to take 6 courses (18 credit points) of the following courses:

RS 241	RS 242	RS 346	RS 347
RU 225	RU 361	RU 373	RU 423

Remark: Students must pass RS 241, RS 242, RS 346 and RS 347 with a minimum grade of 2.00

3. Electives

Students may choose to take any courses in Thammasat University or elective courses in the Russian Studies Program for at least 6 credit points.

Associate Degree Requirement

Students with a minimum accumulation of 93 credit points are entitled to an Associate Degree in Russian Studies under the following conditions:

1. Having maintained a grade-point average of 2.00
2. Having been registered as full-time students for at least 5 semesters.
3. Having fulfilled the general education courses of 30 credit points.
4. Having completed courses in the Russian Studies Program for a total of at least 60 credit points under the following conditions:

Taking at least 21 credit points from major compulsory courses of the program and obtaining a minimum grade of 2.00 in every course.

Taking at least 12 credit points from Russian Language courses.

Taking at least 6 credit points as compulsory elective courses in the other programs except the Russian Studies Program.

Taking at least 12 credit points from non-major compulsory courses and obtaining a minimum grade of 2.00 in RS 171, RS 172, RS 211, RS, 212, RS 311 and RS 312

Taking at least 9 credit points from English compulsory courses and obtaining a minimum grade of 2.00 in each course.

5. Taking at least 6 credit points from elective courses.

1. Specialized Courses

1.1 Major Compulsory Courses

RU 211 Theory of Political Philosophy	3 credit points
RU 221 Thai-Russian Relations	3 credit points
RU 222 Politics and Government of Russia	3 credit points
RU 223 Russian History and Culture 1	3 credit points

RU 224 Economic Geography of Russia	3 credit points
RU 241 International Economic Relations	3 credit points
RU 321 Foreign policy of Russia	3 credit points
RU 322 Russian Society and Culture	3 credit points
RU 323 International Trade Law	3 credit points
RU 324 Russian History and Culture 2	3 credit points
RU 325 Modern Russia	3 credit points
RU 331 Introduction to Russian Literature	3 credit points
RU 341 Russian Economy	3 credit points
RU 421 Business and Politics in Russia	3 credit points
RU 422 Contemporary Issues of the Russian Federation in International Relations and World Politics	3 credit points
RU 441 Trade and Investment in Russia	3 credit points
RU 451 Research methodology in Humanities and Social Sciences	3 credit points
RU 452 Research Paper	3 credit points
1.2 Non-major Compulsory Courses	
PH 201 Introduction to Logic	3 credit points
PO 271 Introduction to International Relations	3 credit points
RS 171 Russian 1	3 credit points

RS 172 Russian 2	3 credit points
RS 211 Russian 3	3 credit points
RS 212 Russian 4	3 credit points
RS 311 Russian 5	3 credit points
RS 312 Russian 6	3 credit points
EC 210 Introductory Economics	3 credit points
EG 216 English Structure	3 credit points
EG 221 Reading for Information	3 credit points
EG 241 Listening-Speaking 1	3 credit points
1.3 Compulsory Electives	
RS 241 Listening-Speaking in Russian 1	3 credit points
RS 242 Listening-Speaking in Russian 2	3 credit points
RS 346 Listening-Speaking in Russian 3	3 credit points
RS 347 Listening-Speaking in Russian 4	3 credit points
RU 225 Ethnic Groups in Russia	3 credit points
RU 361 Russian Business Writing	3 credit points
RU 373 Russian Linguistics	3 credit points
RU 423 Russian Relations with the Commonwealth of Independent States	3 credit points
2. Electives	
RU 426 Relations between Russia and the Major Powers	3 credit points

RU 427 Russian Business Law 3 credit points

RU 428 Commonwealth of Independent States Today 3 credit points

RU 438 Russian Music and Performing Arts 3 credit points

Course Descriptions

RU 211 Theory of Political Philosophy 3 credit points

Meaning and scope of major political theories, political philosophies, and social theories; political ideas of great philosophers of the East and the West; analysis of political problems in Eastern and Western countries in order to understand the related political and social phenomena; influence of current ideas and concepts over politics.

(3 hours per week)

RU 221 Thai-Russian Relations 3 credit points

Thai-Russian relations from the beginning to the present with emphasis on the analysis of diplomatic, trade, arts, and scientific records.

(3 hours per week)

RU 222 Politics and Government of Russia

3 credit points

Basic concepts of politics and government; the forms and evolution of Russian politics and government from the beginning of the Russian empire to the present; Russian political party systems; legislative, administrative, and judicial authority of the government as declared in the current Russian constitution; influence of Russian politics on the world economy and world politics.

(3 hours per week)

RU 223 Russian History and Culture 1

3 credit points

Russian history and culture from the beginning up to World War II era.

(3 hours per week)

RU 224 Economic Geography of Russia

3 credit points

Prerequisite: RS 171

Russian terrain, climate, population, natural resources, and economic areas, as well as natural resource development structures, and how these affect Russian economic policy and set its economic trends.

(3 hours per week)

RU 225 Ethnic Groups in Russia

3 credit points

Racial variety; conflict between races in Russia.

(3 hours per week)

RU 241 International Economic Relations

3 credit points

Prerequisite: EC 210

The process of establishing and maintaining international relations between public and private sectors and their foreign counterparts; emphasis placed on elements, functions, stages, methods, problems, and obstacles involved in the maintenance of such relations.

(3 hours per week)

RU 321 Foreign policy of Russia

3 credit points

Analysis of current Russian foreign policy, various factors that affect its implementation, and the effect of the implementation on current international politics.

(3 hours per week)

RU 322 Russian Society and Culture

3 credit points

Forms and evolution of Russian society and culture that stem from racial diversity in different geographical locations, from the dissimilar nature of the society before and after the Russian Revolution, and from the ever-changing culture of the masses.

(3 hours per week)

RU 323 International Trade Law

3 credit points

To study the meaning and importance of the mechanism involved in international trade, the importance and core principles of international trade contracts, the role of incoterms, the contracts for international transit, insurance contracts and any other contracts which are important to international trade, and related problems.

(3 hours per week)

RU 324 Russian History and Culture 2

3 credit points

Prerequisite: RU 223

Russian history and culture from the post World War II era to the present.

(3 hours per week)

RU 325 Modern Russia

3 credit points

Contemporary Russian issues, including current political, economic, social, and cultural affairs.

(3 hours per week)

RU 331 Introduction to Russian Literature

3 credit points

Prerequisite: RS 212

General features of Russian literature from the 11th century to the present; distinguished Russian writers and their works.

(3 hours per week)

RU 341 Russian Economy

3 credit points

Prerequisite: EC 210

The Russian economic system and the evolution of Russian economic structures.

(3 hours per week)

RU 361 Russian Business Writing

3 credit points

Prerequisite: RS 212

Russian writing practice for business communication such as business letters of different types, memos, and e-mail; business vocabulary and idioms.

(3 hours per week)

RU 373 Russian Linguistics

3 credit points

Prerequisite: RS 212

Elements of Russian language such as phonemes, morphemes, sentence structures, and the system of meaning in Russian linguistics.

(3 hours per week)

RU 421 Business and Politics in Russia

3 credit points

Analysis of the current role and importance of the private business sector on Russian politics such as its support for political parties and general elections, its influence on the government formulation of public policy, and the effect of its relationships—competitive or collaborative relationships between political leaders and business leaders or between business leaders themselves—on political and economic outcomes.

(3 hours per week)

RU 422 Contemporary Issues of the Russian Federation in International Relations and World

Politics

3 credit points

Important contemporary issues of Russia concerning various aspects of Russian international relations including its relationship with International organizations and its role in world politics.

(3 hours per week)

RU 423 Russian Relations with the Commonwealth of Independent States 3 credit points

Russian relations with the Commonwealth of Independent States concerning their economic, political, military, and social affairs, and the impact these affairs have on Russia.

(3 hours per week)

RU 426 Relations between Russia and the Major Powers

3 credit points

Relations between Russia and the Major World Powers concerning their economic, political, military, and social affairs, and the impact these affairs have on Third World countries.

(3 hours per week)

RU 427 Russian Business Law

3 credit points

Russian law concerning business partnerships and companies, namely, the establishment authority and responsibilities, and the dissolution of such business entities; specific laws; contracts; and other important business laws.

(3 hours per week)

RU 428 Commonwealth of Independent States Today

3 credit points

Perspectives on the current political, economic, and social affairs of the Commonwealth of Independent States and the impact globalization has on these countries.

(3 hours per week)

RU 438 Russian Music and Performing Arts

3 credit points

History of Russian music and various types of performing arts such as plays and ballet.

(3 hours per week)

RU 441 Trade and Investment in Russia

3 credit points

Prerequisite: RU 341

Analysis of trade, investment, the business environment, and current events that affect the Russian economy and business operations in Russia; emphasis placed on the discussion of issues of trade, investment, and their development and trends in Russia; construction of the Thai-Russian trade model.

(3 hours per week)

RU 451 Research methodology in Humanities and Social Sciences

3 credit points

Methods and stages in research, and report writing in the humanities and social science, namely, construction of hypotheses, data collection, data analysis and organization, synthesis of results, and report planning, including decisions about the format and details of the presentation; research paper writing practice.

(3 hours per week)

RU 452 Research Paper

3 credit points

Prerequisite: RU 451

Particular issues concerning Russia that really interest the student such as political, economic, military, arts, cultural, or social issues.

(6 hours per week)

EC 210 Introductory Economics

3 credit points

[Offered to non-economics major students only; credits will not be granted to students who have passed, are taking, or will be taking any of the following courses: EC 211, EC 212, EC 213, or EC 214]

General principles of microeconomics and macroeconomics; topics in microeconomics such as the following: demand and supply of goods, consumer behavior, consumer goods production and production costs, producer behavior, structure of competitive markets and producer behavior in a perfectly competitive market, monopoly markets, imperfect markets, the concept of failed market economies, the role of government in market intervention; topics in macroeconomics such as the following: goals and problems in macroeconomics, national income, finance and banking, finance and treasury policies that stabilize the economy; utilization of macroeconomics indices to analyze economic situations; importance of international trade and finance; arguments for and against free trade and market protection.

(3 hours per week)

PH 201 Introduction to Logic

3 credit points

Inductive and deductive reasoning; sound reasoning; error in reasoning and method of rectification; analysis of reasoning that uses everyday language; argument resolution by making definitions.

(3 hours per week)

PO 271 Introduction to International Relations

3 credit points

Principles of international politics; nature and structure of the system of international politics; factors that affect state behavior: political, military, economic, social, cultural, and ideological; tools for fostering good relations between states; development of cooperation between states in the form of customs, laws, and international institutes, all of which exert influence on and are influenced by the factors stated above.

(3 hours per week)

RS 171 Russian 1

3 credit points

A part of the interrelated training to develop fundamental language skills at a basic level – i.e. listening, speaking, reading and writing – by emphasizing pronunciation and introduction to grammar.

(3 hours per week)

RS 172 Russian 2

3 credit points

Prerequisite: RS 171

To practice the skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing at a higher level so that students can understand easy language of daily life.

(3 hours per week)

RS 211 Russian 3

3 credit points

Prerequisite: RS 172

To develop competence in listening, speaking, reading and writing continuation of RS 172 with a concentration on the usage of correct and appropriate Russian and on studying Russian grammar.

(3 hours per week)

RS 212 Russian 4

3 credit points

Prerequisite: RS 211

Continuation of RS 211 at a higher level

(3 hours per week)

RS 241 Listening-Speaking in Russian 1

3 credit points

Prerequisite: RS 172

Training in listening and speaking to understand easy expressions and phrases of daily life and to exchange basic conversation correctly

(3 hours per week)

RS 242 Listening-Speaking in Russian 2

3 credit points

Prerequisite: RS 241

Further training in listening and speaking from RS 241.

(3 hours per week)

RS 311 Russian 5

3 credit points

Prerequisite: RS 212

Emphasis on all four skills as well as Russian grammar at a higher level than RS 212 to be able to converse, express ideas and write grammatically correct phrases.

(3 hours per week)

RS 312 Russian 6

3 credit points

Prerequisite: RS 311

Continuation of RS 311 at a higher level.

(3 hours per week)

RS 346 Listening-Speaking in Russian 3

3 credit points

Prerequisite: RS 242

Training of skills in listening and speaking at a higher level in both substance and language usage to be able to express one's own ideas.

(3 hours per week)

RS 347 Listening-Speaking in Russian 4

3 credit points

Prerequisite: RS 346

Further training in listening-speaking from RS 346.

(3 hours per week)

EG 216 English Structure

3 credit points

Prerequisite: EL172 or exempted from EL 172

[Credits are not granted to English major students]

Analysis of various forms of English sentences which serve as a sound basis for reading and writing tasks, particularly for making sense of passages with many complex sentence constructions and for writing grammatically correct and appropriate sentences.

(3 hours per week)

EG 221 Reading for Information

3 credit points

Prerequisite: EL172 or exempted from EL 172

Various strategies for reading for information, strategies for analysis of content, and strategies for analysis of writer's presentations; practice of opinion-giving skills by discussing articles read; practice of summarizing skills by writing outlines and summaries of articles.

(3 hours per week)

EG 241 Listening-Speaking 1

3 credit points

Prerequisite: EL172 or exempted from EL 172

Conversation practice of English used in everyday situations; listening practice at elementary level; practice of correct pronunciation; Western customs and culture study that enables students to speak confidently with westerners.

(3 hours per week)