

**Common Pool of Generic Electives**  
**Course offered by**  
**Department of Slavonic and Finno-Ugrian Studies**

**CULTURE AND HERITAGE OF RUSSIA –GE-8**

**Credit distribution, Eligibility and Pre-requisites of the Course**

<b>Course title &amp; Code</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Credit distribution of the course</b>			<b>Eligibility criteria</b>	<b>Pre-requisite of the course</b>	<b>Department Offering the Course</b>
		<b>Lecture</b>	<b>Tutorial</b>	<b>Practical/Practice</b>			
<b>Culture and Heritage of Russia – GE-8</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>As per university guidelines</b>	<b>NIL</b>	<b>Department of Slavonic and Finno-Ugrian Studies</b>

**Learning Objectives:**

- The course acquaints students with the general contours of Cultural Heritage of Russia from the origins to the recent past.
- The course aims to give a general outline of Russian cultural heritage while highlighting certain epochs and issues.
- Although the course's focus is on the Russian Culture and Heritage rather than on history, some historical background is necessary to properly understand and interpret it.
- A knowledge of Russian is not required, as lectures, discussions, presentations and all the readings are in English.

**Unit I. Culture, Heritage and Identity (15 Hours)**

1. Meaning of Culture, Heritage and Identity.
2. The relevance of Cultural Heritage.
3. The concept of Culture and Civilization

**Unit II Geography and History of Russia (15 Hours)**

1. Physical and Political Map of Russia
2. History of Russia: From 862 to 1917
3. Cultural Cities: Moscow, St. Petersburg, Nizhny Novgorod
4. Architecture: Russian Church Architecture, Winter Palace

**Unit III Religion and Traditions of Russia (15 Hours)**

1. The Russian Orthodox Christianity
2. Russian icons: The Holy Trinity
3. Traditional Russian Folk Art: Khokhloma, Dymkovo Toys, Gzhel, Matryoshka dolls, Palekh miniature
4. Russian Ballet: Swan Lake
5. Russian Films: Battleship Potemkin (1925), Moscow doesn't believe in Tears (1980), The Irony of Fate (1976)

**Unit IV. Russian State Symbols (15 Hours)**

1. State Emblem:
2. Russian National Flag
3. National Anthem
4. New Year Holidays, Russian Orthodox Christmas, Victory Day, International Women's Day, Day of Russia, Maslenitsa Festival, White Nights
5. Famous Russian Cuisines: Blini, Pelemen, Kasha, Russian Pirozhki

**Recommended resources:**

- Hilton, Alison. *Russian folk art*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1995.
- Hosking, Geoffrey A., *Hosking, Emeritus Professor of Russian History Geoffrey. Russia and the Russians: a history*. Cambridge: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2001.
- Reference Guide to Russian Literature. United Kingdom: Taylor & Francis, 2013.
- Tarasov, Oleg. *Framing Russian Art: From Early Icons to Malevich*. United Kingdom: Reaktion Books, 2014.
- *The Cambridge Companion to Modern Russian Culture*. United Kingdom: Cambridge University Press, 1998.
- *The Culture of Russia*. United States: Rosen Publishing Group, 2018.

**Examination scheme and mode: Subject to directions from the Examination Branch/University of Delhi from time to time.**