

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

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

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, Pelemeni, 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.