

Bachelor's Track Program: Russian Language and Culture

1. Open Doors winner's skill set

Winning the Open Doors competition requires a firm grasp of facts and concepts relating to the Russian language and culture:

- grammar and features of phonetics, graphics, and orthoepy of the Russian language;
- grammatical and lexical norms of the Russian language;
- basic literary devices, tropes, and figures of speech;
- features of communication in new Russian media, including online communication;
- social differentiation in the Russian language and the linguistic diversity of Russia;
- masterpieces of Russian literature, visual arts, and music.

The winner is expected to demonstrate a solid command of the following skills:

- analyzing excerpts in Russian from the perspective of grammar and norms of modern Russian literary language;
- conducting literary analysis;
- demonstrating a mature understanding of the expressive potential of the Russian language;
- constructing arguments in communication in accordance with the standards of Russian literary language and speech culture;
- performing linguistic analysis, demonstrating an understanding of social differentiation in the Russian language;
- identifying a work of Russian art based on a provided excerpt.

2. List of degree programs covered by the subject area

2.1. List of bachelor's degree programs

45.03.02 Linguistics

45.03.01 Philology

42.03.02 Journalism

45.03.03 Fundamental and Applied Linguistics

3. Content

Field of science 1. Russian language. Languages of Russia's ethnic groups

Russian language

1. Speech culture; orthoepic (pronunciation and accentuation), grammatical, and lexical norms of the Russian literary language.
2. Morphology and syntax as two levels of grammar.
3. Main types of dictionaries; explanatory dictionary; phraseological dictionary; dictionary of grammatical difficulties.
4. Linguistic diversity in Russia.
5. Shared textual heritage as a cultural bond between generations.

Field of science 2. Literary theory and literary criticism

Literature

1. World of an artwork: plot, storyline, composition of the text; conflict, chronotope, expressive detail; portrait, landscape, interior, motif; literary genres and categories.
2. Language of fiction: stylistic devices in the text; literary tropes and figures of speech.
3. Literary text: author, narrator, storyteller; author's intent and its realization; author's point of view; theme, problem, idea; plot and storyline; conflict; composition; imagery.

4. History of Russian literature in the nineteenth century: literary movements and trends; works of Alexander Pushkin, Nikolai Gogol, Mikhail Lermontov, Ivan Turgenev, Fyodor Dostoevsky, Leo Tolstoy, and Anton Chekhov.
5. History of Russian literature in the twentieth century: literary movements and trends; works of Alexander Kuprin, Maxim Gorky, Ivan Bunin, Mikhail Sholokhov; Sergei Yesenin, Vladimir Mayakovsky, Anna Akhmatova, Marina Tsvetaeva, and Boris Pasternak.

Field of science 3. Mass communication

Russian language

1. Mass communication: mass media and its functions; the role of media in contemporary culture; main types of media; the Russian language and new media.
2. The language of media; journalistic writing; main characteristics and features of journalistic writing; main genres of journalistic writing.
3. Internet communication; main genres of internet communication; communication platforms in Runet; linguistic features of internet communication; hypertext.
4. Verbal communication and etiquette; formulas of Russian verbal etiquette; basic rules of verbal communication; culture of electronic communication.
5. Qualities of good speech; violation of language ecology.

Field of science 4. Theoretical, applied, and comparative linguistics

Russian language

1. Language as a system; main functions of language; linguistics as a science; language and speech.
2. Language levels; phonetics; morphology; lexicology; syntax.
3. Functional stylistics; phonetic, lexical, syntactic, and structural features of functional styles; stylistic resources of the language.
4. Forms of existence of the Russian national language; literary language, colloquial speech, dialects, industry words, jargon, argot.
5. Logical-semantic relationships in the text; informational content of the text; types of information in the text; informational-semantic processing.

Field of science 5. Cultural studies

Literature

1. Fundamentals of cultural studies.
2. Russian folklore: fairy tales, proverbs, and sayings.
3. Symbolism and images of Russia; traditional holidays and rituals.
4. Masterpieces of Russian art: music and painting.
5. National Russian character in comparison with other cultures.

4. Preparation materials

4.1. Recommended reading

Field of science 1. Russian language. Languages of Russia's ethnic groups

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Field of science 2. Literary theory and literary criticism

Reading list in English
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Field of science 3. Mass communication

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Field of science 4. Theoretical, applied, and comparative linguistics

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Field of science 5. Cultural studies

Reading list in English

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4.2. Recommended online courses

Field of science 1. Russian language. Languages of Russia's ethnic groups

Online courses in English	Link	Course description
We Study in Russia	URL: https://stepik.org/course/192270	This course is aimed at developing skills and abilities of tolerant intercultural interaction in the educational, educational-administrative, and social spheres.
Understanding Russians: Contexts of Intercultural Communication	URL: https://www.classcentral.com/course/russians-1379	This course analyzes the multifaceted relationships between Russia and the West, highlighting cultural differences and communication challenges.
Russian Verbs of Motion-Action and Practice	URL: https://stepik.org/course/107294	This course explores Russian verbs of motion-action and practice.
Survival Russian	URL: https://stepik.org/course/178495/promo	This course is designed to support international visitors who do not speak Russian or lack fluency in navigating a Russian-speaking environment.
Key. Elementary Russian	URL: https://stepik.org/course/65861/promo	This course introduces the fundamentals of the Russian language and develops students' ability to decode Russian writing, offering access to the linguistic and cultural landscape of the Russian-speaking world.
Crash course: Russian for communication (A1)	URL: https://stepik.org/course/100957	This course is designed to build basic communication skills for learners of Russian at the A1 level. It is structured around four thematic modules: "Hello," "In the City," "My Day," and "My Homeland."
Russian as a Foreign Language (A2). Read, Listen and Speak!	URL: https://stepik.org/course/176163/promo	This course explores grammatical case in the Russian language.

Field of science 2. Literary theory and literary criticism

Online courses in English	Link	Course description
1000 years of Russian Literature	URL: https://vkvideo.ru/video23671265_456243592	This video course discusses the history of Russian literature.
Modernism: Russian Poets of the Silver Age	URL: stepik.org/course/123275/promo	This course focuses on the Silver Age of Russian poetry, a term traditionally used to describe a period in Russian cultural history

		at the turn of the twentieth century.
Russian Literature Course	URL: www.therussianvoice.com/p/russian-literature-course-19.html	This course focuses on reading and discussing stories, plays, poems, and novel excerpts by major Russian authors such as Alexander Pushkin, Fyodor Dostoevsky, Leo Tolstoy, Anton Chekhov, Boris Pasternak, and other prominent writers.

Field of science 3. Mass communication

Online courses in English	Link	Course description
Media Training Techniques	URL: https://alison.com/course/media-training-techniques	This course aims to develop skills for successful communication in the media environment.
Rhetoric: The Art of Persuasive Writing and Public Speaking	URL: learning.edx.org/course/course-v1:HarvardX+AESTHINT15+1T2024/home	This course explores rhetoric, its origins, and evolution, emphasizing the use of rhetorical devices in written and spoken language.
Introduction to Mass communication. University of Calicut. School of distance education.	URL: https://sde.uoc.ac.in/sites/default/files/sde_videos/SMMassCommunication.pdf	This course covers mass media and its functions, the role of media in contemporary culture, and the main types of media: the press, radio, television, and the internet.
Roberts J. Writing for Strategic Communication Industries	URL: https://ohiostate.pressbooks.pub/stratcommwriting/	This course examines the role of media in modern culture, journalistic writing style, and its main characteristics.
Media Training Techniques	URL: https://alison.com/course/media-training-techniques	This course focuses on developing skills for effective communication in the media environment.
Russian Hospitality – the Rules of Etiquette	URL: https://stepik.org/course/91645	This course explores the history and distinctive features of Russian etiquette.

Field of science 4. Theoretical, applied, and comparative linguistics

Online courses in English	Link	Course description
Grammar matters	URL: https://www.open.edu/openlearn/languages/grammar-matters/content-section-0?active-tab=description-tab	This course presents an approach to understanding how meanings are systematically linked to different aspects of grammar and

		demonstrates how this knowledge can be applied to enhance everyday communication.
Linguistics	URL: classcentral.com/course/youtube-linguistics-45841	This course teaches how to identify and analyze the structural features of language at different levels, including phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, and pragmatics.
Introduction to Linguistics	URL: https://www.mooc-course.com/course/introduction-to-linguistics-futurelearn/	This course discusses some fundamental concepts in the study of language and communication, as well as the language of literature.
Morphology in Linguistics	URL: https://www.udemy.com/course/morphology/	This course covers the basics of morphology.

Field of science 5. Cultural studies

Online courses in English	Link	Course description
Learn all about Russian Culture in 1 Hour	URL: https://rutube.ru/video/f2b2fa-dd015f2df303f6785ff0f690b7/	This video course, presented in Russian with embedded English subtitles, offers an exploration of Russian culture.
Cultural Studies and Developments	URL: https://alison.com/course/cultural-studies-and-developments	This anthropology course explains the origins of cultural studies and traces their evolution.
History of Russian Folk Art style Khokhloma	URL: https://rutube.ru/video/2db9b17061ea0a393d768b9975f0713a/	The course explores the history of Khokhloma, a traditional Russian handicraft.
200 Years of Russian Art	URL: https://disk.yandex.ru/i/KcSn4c4votMaNw	This course examines two centuries of Russian art.