

# RUSS 2304

## A SURVEY OF RUSSIAN LITERATURE IN ENGLISH

**Core curriculum: Humanities**

University of Houston  
Department of Modern and Classical Languages

**RUSS 2304:**

**A Survey of Russian Literature in English**

Taught in English

Course may be applied toward the World Cultures and Literatures minor

**Day: Tuesday / Thursday**

**Time: 2:30 - 4:00**

**Dr. Elena McGee**

Russian novels of the 19th and 20th century and their adaptations in art and film.

In the Russian tradition, literature has played a far broader role than in other cultures. The great Russian writers were an artistic, spiritual, and social force. Interest in the individual and a talent for catching the essence of a human being are among the most intriguing and appealing qualities of Russian literature.

The novelists Tolstoy, Dostoevsky, Pasternak, and Bulgakov were searching for the answers to the 'eternal questions' of good/evil and the purpose of life through deeply philosophical and emotional writing.

They compared Russia with the Western world, asking how Russia differs from the West, how different it should be, and what constitutes the special qualities of Russian culture.

**No knowledge of Russian is required.**