



## SLST 100: Introduction to Russian Society and Culture (1.5 units) Spring 2026 – University of Victoria

### Schedule

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday  
from 10:30 am until 11:20 am

### No Prerequisites

### Description

Where does Russia “belong”? This course explores Russia’s historical ties to other Slavic cultures, as well as to Europe and Asia, and examines how geography, history, and political development have shaped Russian society and identity.

### Textbooks

Hosking, Geoffrey. *Russian History: A Very Short Introduction*. (Free access through UVic library).

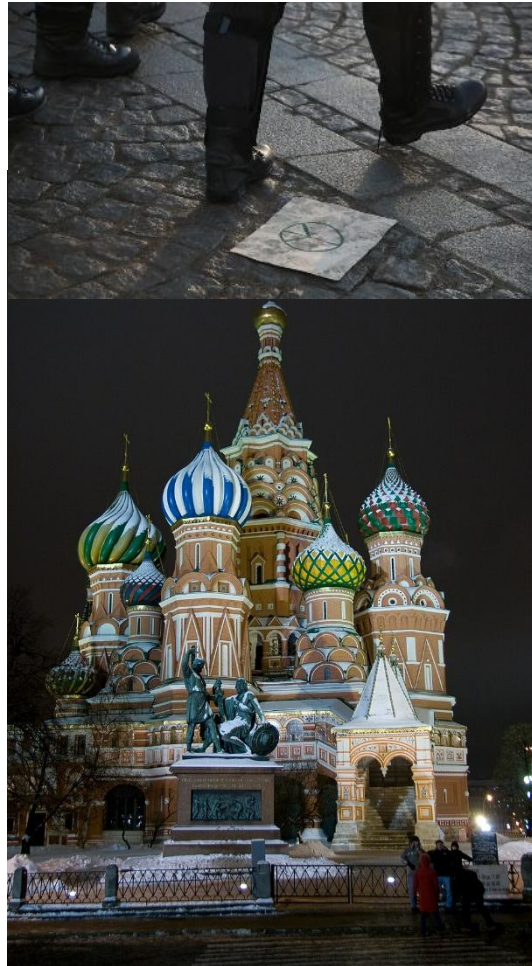


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