

Introduction to Russian Language and Culture II (RUS 1131, sec. 2033) - Spring 2016
Course Syllabus

Time: **MTWRF 4 (10:40 - 11:30)**
Place: **233 Dauer Hall**
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Course goals and content:

This course is the second in a two-semester sequence of beginning Russian. It covers the fundamentals of the Russian language while introducing some important aspects of Russian life and culture. By means of a “four-skills” communicative approach (speaking, listening, reading, writing), the course will help you to produce and comprehend spoken and written Russian in a variety of situations, both practical and conversational. By the end of the course you will also command most of the principal elements of Russian grammar (noun/adjective declension, verb conjugation, etc.).

Course textbook and materials:

1. Lekich, Davidson, Gor, *Russian Stage One: Live from Russia!* (Volume Two), **Second edition** (Kendall/Hunt, 2009) [ISBN# 9780757558412]. The entire package includes (1) the textbook; (2) a DVD containing the film for the textbook; (3) a workbook; (4) a CD with audio material for the workbook exercises;
2. A set of bound photocopies (“Video Transcripts and Homework Key”) with answer keys to selected workbook exercises, as well as transcriptions of the video episodes;
3. Weekly homework assignments (which I will distribute to you);
4. Supplementary materials available online at: www.livefromrussia.org.

Course requirements:

1. Regular class attendance and active participation in all class activities (see also “Attendance policy,” below).
2. Thorough, accurate and punctual completion of all assignments, both written and oral, in and outside of class;
3. Completion of seven biweekly exams [“**контрольные**”], combining written & oral tasks, to be drawn from all course material (textbook, workbook, lectures, discussions and any/all other activities or assignments). The written component(s) will take place in our regular classroom (233 Dauer); the oral component will take place at an assigned hour and location, usually Dauer 233 (or in my office down the hall), on or before the day of the written component.

Grading criteria: Final course grades will be based on the following percentages*:

1. **Course attendance** (number of class meetings attended) [*see* “Attendance policy,” *below*]. **10%**
2. **Course participation** (active engagement & participation in all class activities; thorough, timely and accurate completion of all homework assignments). **10%**
3. **Seven review assignments** («**Письменные практики**»), one per unit, to be submitted for evaluation. **14%**
4. **Seven in-class exams** (by “Unit”), each combining listening, reading, writing and oral tasks (worth 11% each, but the lowest score will be dropped). **66%**

Final course grades will be assigned according to the following scale: **A** = a final course percentage of 93-100; **A-** = 90-92; **B+** = 87-89; **B** = 83-86; **B-** = 80-82; **C+** = 77-79; **C** = 73-76; **C-** = 70-72; **D+** = 67-69; **D** = 63-66; **D-** = 60-62; **E** = less than 60. U.F.’s grade “point” scale is viewable online at: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>

Attendance policy: Because regular practice is essential for progress in any foreign language, everyone is expected to attend all class meetings and to arrive in class on time. Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with UF policies (see catalog: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>). Although there is no penalty for officially excusable absences (as defined by university policy), *PLEASE NOTE* that the “course attendance” score will equal the percentage of meetings actually attended. Thus if a class is missed, even for officially acceptable reasons, an attendance point will not be given for that day.

Make-up policy: The schedule of in-class exams is firm. Except in the case of a certified illness or other UF-accepted excuse, there will be no make-up option for missed exams. In the case of a certified illness or other UF-accepted excuse, a make-up exam should be arranged in person with me *prior* to the anticipated (approved) absence. In cases of extended illness, please contact me immediately upon your return to classes. **Students requesting alternate classroom accommodation** must first register with the Dean of Students Office (202 Peabody Hall). The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then deliver it to me when requesting accommodation. For more information, see the DSO pages at: <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/>.

Daily Schedule of Assignments and Quizzes

The schedule below indicates our daily assignments and biweekly exam dates. **PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL EXAM DATES ARE FIRM**, so be sure to be in class on those days! All homework assignments—whether readings, viewings, workbook exercises, or other—must be completed by the beginning of class on the specific date where they are listed. Thus, for example, for Friday, 8 January, you should come to class having already completed all the assigned textbook and/or workbook exercises from “Unit 7, Day 1.” In most cases you will be asked to complete only a selected number of all the exercises for a given Unit. *I will notify you in advance which specific textbook & workbook exercises to complete for a given “Day,” along with the bi-weekly «письменные практики».* For the bi-weekly «письменные практики» I will assign a general evaluation of either “Exc/VG (complete, thorough and with few or no errors); “Good” (complete, but with a significant number of errors); or “somewhat-less-than-Good” (incomplete and/or rich with errors).

WEEK 01 (5-8 Jan.):

5 Jan: Intro + Review (Unit 6)
6 Jan: Review (Unit 6)
7 Jan: Review (Unit 6)
8 Jan: Unit 7, Day 1

WEEK 02 (11–15 Jan.):

11 Jan: Unit 7, Day 2
12 Jan: Unit 7, Day 3
13 Jan: Unit 7, Day 4
14 Jan: Unit 7, Day 5
15 Jan: Unit 7, Day 6

WEEK 03 (18–22 Jan.):

18 Jan: *NO CLASS* (holiday)
19 Jan: Unit 7, Day 7
20 Jan: Unit 7, Days 8–9
21 Jan: **Контрольная № 1**
22 Jan: Unit 8, Day 1

WEEK 04 (25–29 Jan.):

25 Jan: Unit 8, Day 2
26 Jan: Unit 8, Day 3
27 Jan: Unit 8, Day 4
28 Jan: Unit 8, Day 5
29 Jan: Unit 8, Day 6

WEEK 05 (1–5 Feb.):

1 Feb: Unit 8, Day 7
2 Feb: Unit 8, Days 8–9
3 Feb: **Контрольная № 2**
4 Feb: Unit 9, Day 1
5 Feb: Unit 9, Day 2

WEEK 06 (8–12 Feb.):

8 Feb: Unit 9, Day 3
9 Feb: Unit 9, Day 4
10 Feb: Unit 9, Day 5
11 Feb: Unit 9, Day 6
12 Feb: Unit 9, Day 7

WEEK 07 (15–19 Feb.):

15 Feb: Unit 9, Day 8
16 Feb: Unit 9, Day 9
17 Feb: **Контрольная № 3**
18 Feb: Unit 10, Day 1
19 Feb: Unit 10, Day 2

WEEK 08 (22–26 Feb.):

22 Feb: Unit 10, Day 3
23 Feb: Unit 10, Day 4
24 Feb: Unit 10, Day 5
25 Feb: Unit 10, Day 6
26 Feb: [to be announced]

WEEK 09 (29 Feb - 4 Mar): Spring Break

WEEK 10 (7–11 Mar.):

7 Mar: Unit 10, Day 7
8 Mar: Unit 10, Days 8–9
9 Mar: **Контрольная № 4**
10 Mar: Unit 11, Day 1
11 Mar: Unit 11, Day 2

WEEK 11 (14-18 Mar.):

14 Mar: Unit 11, Day 3
15 Mar: Unit 11, Day 4
16 Mar: Unit 11, Day 5
17 Mar: Unit 11, Day 6
18 Mar: Unit 11, Day 7

WEEK 12 (21–25 March):

21 Mar: Unit 11, Days 8–9
22 Mar: **Контрольная № 5**
23 Mar: Unit 12, Day 1
24 Mar: Unit 12, Day 2
25 Mar: Unit 12, Day 3

WEEK 13 (28 March–1 April):

28 Mar: Unit 12, Day 4
29 Mar: Unit 12, Day 5
30 Mar: Unit 12, Day 6
31 Mar: Unit 12, Day 7
1 Apr: Unit 12, Day 8

WEEK 14 (4–8 April):

4 Apr: Unit 12, Day 9
5 Apr: **Контрольная № 6**
6 Apr: Unit 13, Day 1
7 Apr: Unit 13, Day 2
8 Apr: Unit 13, Day 3

WEEK 15 (11–15 April):

11 Apr: Unit 13, Day 4
12 Apr: Unit 13, Day 5
13 Apr: Unit 13, Day 6
14 Apr: Unit 13, Day 7
15 Apr: Unit 13, Day 8

WEEK 16 (18–20 April):

18 Apr: Unit 13, Day 9
19 Apr: **Контрольная № 7**
20 Apr: [Concluding remarks]