

## **RUS1130 Beginning Russian I**

**Department of LLC**  
**RUS1130(17803,24808), Credits: 5**  
**Classes: MTWRF, period:4,5**  
**Final exam: TBA**

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### **Course description**

This course and its sequel, RUS 1131, offer a comprehensive introduction to Russian, using interactive methods to develop competence in speaking, listening, reading, writing and cultural interaction.

The first of a two-semester Russian-language sequence, this course is designed to introduce learners to the basis of the language and culture through a variety of interactive methods. It takes a four-skills approach, devoting equal attention to developing skills and strategies for speaking, listening to, reading and writing Russian. Students who attend class regularly, participate actively and perform competently on written and oral quizzes, tests and exams can expect to be able to produce and comprehend both spoken and written Russian in a variety of basic communicative situation.

### **Course Requirements**

Grades will be determined on the basis of the following components:

#### **Attendance, Participation, Homework: 50%**

***Day-to-day preparation and performance is critical in any language course.*** Given their highly interactive nature, language classes cannot be "made up" if missed. Poor in-class performance, unexcused absences, tardiness, and late or ignored homework assignments will be noted and calculated into the final grade. If you have to miss class or an assignment, please contact me ahead of time to make arrangements; those who miss class are responsible for obtaining and completing daily homework assignments. As with any excused absence, you will be given a reasonable amount of time to make up missed work.

***Class time*** is your opportunity to practice speaking Russian. That means that I expect you to be prepared in class to ask and answer questions as well as to think creatively about the language you are learning. I do not, however, expect you to speak perfect Russian...yet! :)

***Homework assignments*** are included in the workbook and should be completed daily. Please use the homework key included in the *Course Reader* to check your work. As you check your original work (*prior* to handing it in), make corrections with a different colored writing utensil. Homework for the week is to be turned in every Thursday unless otherwise indicated on the course schedule, and should be turned in with little-to-no errors.

#### **Tests (6): 30%**

These tests are designed to measure the degree to which you have mastered the material presented in each unit. All will include reading and writing components. Plagiarism or cheating on exams will not be tolerated. Any example of academic dishonesty will be subject to the rules and regulations set forth under the headings "Standard of Ethical Conduct," "Academic Honesty,"

and “Student Conduct Code,” in *The University Record 2004-5*, Sec.1, pp.8-9. Make-up tests may be arranged only if you provide me with legitimate, well-documented, explanation submitted, under normal circumstances, in advance of the regularly scheduled test.

**Vocabulary Quizzes: 5%**

A vocabulary quiz will accompany each chapter.

**Extra credit: 1 -10%** for completing of additional assignments.

**Final exam: 15%**

The final exam will be a cumulative measurement of your mastery of the material covered in the course of the semester, and will include reading, writing, speaking, and listening components.

The following scale will be used in calculating your overall grade for the course:

A = 95 - 100%	C+ = 75 - 79%	D = 55 - 69%
A- = 90 - 94%	C- = 70 - 74%	
B+ = 85 - 89%	C = 65 - 69%	E = 59% or lower
B = 80 - 84%	D+ = 60 - 64%	

***Students with Disabilities***

Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation.

***Important Dates:***

***Test Dates: (subject to change with advanced warning provided)***

***Unit 1:***

***Vocab, Reading and Oral quizzes - September 9***

***Test - September, 12***

***Unit 2:***

***Vocab, Reding and oral quizzes - September, 23***

***Test - September, 26***

***Unit 3:***

***Vocab, Reading and oral quizzes - October 7***

***Test - October, 10***

***Unit 4:***

***Vocab, Reading and Oral quizzes - October 21***

***Test - October, 24***

***Unit 5:***

***Vocab, Reading and Oral quizzes - November 7***

***Test - November, 8***

***Unit 6:***

***Vocab, Reading and oral quizzes - November 21***

***Test - November, 22***

***November 28 – December 6 - review***

***Final oral: December,7***

***Course Materias***

***Textbook: Dan E. Davidson, Kira S. Gor and Maria D. Lecic, Live From Moscow: Russian Stage One, Volume 1 (ACTR,2008). The textbook package is available for purchase at local university bookstores and includes a textbook, workbook, videotape and audiotape.***