

RUS 1130

Introduction to Russian Language & Culture 1

Class time: period 10 MTWRF (5:10pm - 6:00pm)

Location: [Turlington Hall](#), TUR 2333; **100% in-person.**

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Location: UF International Center, Hub OR via Zoom

Course Description and Goals

RUS 1130 offer an intensive and comprehensive introduction to the Russian language focusing on developing speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. If successfully completed, students will be able to function in a variety of everyday settings in Russia and speak in short paragraphs about themselves, their backgrounds, families, studies, interests and plans for the future. The course will also expose students to a variety of aspects of Russian culture, current events, and everyday life.

Course Materials

1. Dan E. Davidson, Kira S. Gor and Maria D. Lecic, Eds., *Russian Stage One: Live From Russia: Volume 1* (ACTR, 2009). The textbook package (textbook, workbook, DVD, and CD). Can be purchased at local university bookstores.
2. *RUS 1130 Answer Key & Movie Script*. Can be found in files on Canvas OR purchased at [Target Copy](#) (I will let you know when it's ready for pick-up).
3. *Audio and video materials* can also be accessed online at <http://www.livefromrussia.org/>. Login: student; Password: student.

Credit amount:

This course carries **5 credits**, counts toward the UF language requirement, and serves as a prerequisite for the Russian major and minor.

Course Requirements and Grading

All student are required to:

- Attend class meetings.
- Participate actively and intelligently in class exercises.
- Complete the assignments scheduled for each class meeting and be prepared to work with them in class;
- Take 6 unit tests, a Final test, and occasional short quizzes.
- Complete a summary of proficiency activities, designed to assess your overall mastery, during the final days of the semester.

Course grade will be determined by the quality and consistence of your daily performance and periodic quizzes, tests and other assessment activities as follows:

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| Daily Grind | 50% | Attendance & Participation: 25% Homework: 25% |
| 6 Unit Tests & Final Test | 30% | There will be a test after each Unit and a final exam at the end of the semester. |
| Quizzes & Discussions | 20% | Short periodic checks of students' mastery of new vocabulary, grammatical points, conversational skills, or cultural knowledge |

Test/quiz grades will be calculated according to the following scale:

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| A | A- | B+ | B | B- | C+ | C | C- | D+ | D | D- | E |
| 93 – 100% | 90 – 92% | 87 – 89% | 83 – 86% | 80 – 82% | 77 – 79% | 73 – 76% | 70 – 72% | 67 – 69% | 63 – 66% | 60 – 62% | 59% or < |

Make-up test policy

Make-up tests will be offered only in the case of legitimate conflicts well-documented in advance.

Attendance & Course Etiquette

- Daily grind will make up nearly 50% of the final grade. Class meetings will be highly interactive and demand active and meaningful use of new language models; for this reason, unlike many other courses, missed contact hours will be difficult if not impossible to make up. Therefore, student must try not to miss any classes.
- **If a student is not feeling well or have another acceptable reason** for missing the class – they need to make sure to let me know in advance.
- Students are expected to arrive to class on time and behave in a manner that is respectful to the instructor and to fellow students. Please **avoid the use of cell phones and restrict eating to outside of the classroom**. Opinions held by other students should be respected in discussion, and conversations that do not contribute to the discussion should be held at minimum, if at all.

Communication & Technology

- Homework assignments and other important information about the course will be posted in Announcements on Canvas.
- Students will be able to leave comments under each assignment to ask questions and share opinions **with their peers**, however, I will generally not be participating in those.
- If you have a question specifically to me (about the assignment or anything else), please do NOT message me through Canvas, but instead **reach out to me directly** at mselezneva@ufic.ufl.edu

Little Round Bun

Once there was a poor old couple that lived in a village at the edge of a great forest. One day the wife wished to bake a special treat for her husband and she found that she had just enough flour to make a small bun called Kolobok. When the Kolobok was done she placed it on the window-sill to cool. The Kolobok lay on the window-sill for some time, and then suddenly it rolled off the sill and into the garden. The Kolobok continued to roll through the garden, down the path to the road, and down the road to the forest.

Academic Honesty

All students must be familiar with and will be held accountable to the University's

"Academic Honesty Guidelines." Please review these guidelines at: www.generalcounsel.ufl.edu/Rules/Chapter%204/4017.pdf, and contact me with any questions or concerns.

Accommodations

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. For more information see <https://drc.dso.ufl.edu>.

Course Schedule

Please note that this schedule of classes is not set in stone and may undergo some modifications to better fit the profile of the class as the semester progresses.

Weeks 1 & 2

Introductory Unit
(Textbook – TB and Workbook – WB)

Weeks 3 & 4

Unit 1 (Textbook – TB and Workbook – WB)
Film episode 1
Test 1

Weeks 5 & 6

Unit 2 TB & WB
Film episode 2
Test 2

Weeks 7 & 8

Unit 3 TB & WB
Film episode 3
Test 3

Weeks 9 & 10

Unit 4 TB & WB
Film episode 4
Test 4

Weeks 11 & 12

Unit 5 TB & WB
Film episode 5
Test 5

Weeks 13 & 14

Unit 6 TB & WB
Film episode 6

Week 15

General review. Final Test.

Final test will consist of two parts & **will be held during our regular class meetings:**

- **Oral part.** Each student will make a 3-5 min presentation on one of the topics we've covered during the semester, followed by questions from peers.
- **Written part** will have the same structure as regular Unit Tests.