

University of Florida
Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures
Course Syllabus – RUS 3400
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Section Number: 7726
Credits: 4
Meeting Time and Location:
MW- 5th period LIT 223,
TR – 5th period NSC 225

Course Materials

- 1) Olga Kagan, Frank Miller, Ganna Kudyma. *V Puti: Russian Grammar in Context*. Second Edition. Pearson/Prentice Hall, 2006.
- 2) Olga Kagan, Frank Miller, Ganna Kudyma. Student Activities Manual.
В пути (V Puti): Russian Grammar in Context. Second Edition. Pearson/Prentice Hall, 2006.

Course Description

This course is the second of a two-semester intermediate Russian-language sequence, and is designed to further students' knowledge of Russian language and culture through a variety of interactive methods. The course emphasizes the four primary language-learning skills: speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Class will be conducted almost entirely in 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 complex communicative situations by the end of the semester.

Course requirements

Grades will be determined based on the following components:

Regular class preparation, attendance, and participation: 150 pts.

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. For each missed class or homework assignment you'll lose 30 pts. of your final grade.

Excused absences and late work may be deemed so in advance of the class (or afterwards in extreme circumstances); **those who miss class are responsible for obtaining and completing daily homework assignments.**

If you have to miss class or an assignment, please contact me ahead of time to make arrangements.

Homework assignments are included in the workbook and should be completed and handed in daily.

NOTE: After each unit there will be a test, reading, and speaking exams.

Tardiness: Students are expected to be on time. If a student is late due to an unexpected emergency, that student should enter the classroom as quietly as possible. A pattern of unexplained tardiness will affect the final grade. If you are tardy three times, you will receive one absence mark.

Tests – (5): 100 pts.

These tests are designed to measure the degree to which you have mastered the material worked on in the units indicated. All will include reading, writing, speaking and listening components.

Final exam: 100 + 100 pts.

The final exam will be a cumulative measurement of your comfort with and knowledge of the material covered over the course of the semester, also including reading, writing, speaking, and listening components.

Quizzes – (12): 10 pts.

(1): 30 pts.

Grading:

Regular class preparation, attendance, and participation	- 150 pts. (15%)
Tests	- 500 pts. (50%)
Final exam	- 200 pts. (20%)
Quizzes	- 150 pts. (15%)

Total: - 1000 pts. (100%)

The following scale will be used in grading your final exam paper and calculating overall grade for the course:

A = 90 - 100%	C+ = 75 - 79%	D = 60 - 64%
B+ = 85 - 89%	C = 70 - 74%	E = 50 - 59% - Failure
B = 80 - 84%	D+ = 65 - 69%	

Personal Progress Record: Please record your scores in the spaces below as soon as I return graded assignments to you. I will maintain a similar record on your Student Information Sheet.

Assignment	Units	Your Score
Attendance, h/w, participation		_____/150
Test 1 + quizzes	Глава 7	_____/10 + 10 + 100
Test 2 + quizzes	Глава 8	_____/10 + 10 + 100
Test 3 + quizzes	Глава 9	_____/10 + 10 + 100
Test 4 + quizzes	Глава 10	_____/10 + 10 + 100
Test 5 + quizzes	Глава 11	_____/10 + 10 + 100
Quizzes	Глава 12	_____/10 + 10 + 30
Final Exam (grammar)	Главы 7 - 12	_____/100
Final Exam (speaking) Apr. 29 th 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.	Главы 7 - 12	_____/100

Your Total: _____/1000

Student Feedback: Student opinions, problems and thoughts are very important to me. Do not permit any misunderstanding to go by for longer than twenty-four hours. Feel free to drop in during office hours, or send me a message via e-mail.

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.