

**Department of World Languages, Literatures and Cultures**

**RUS 1131 Introduction to Russian Language  
and Culture II** Spring semester 2016

Credits: 5

Section: 025A, 03BG, 4629

Classes: MTWRF

Final Exam: TBA

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**Course description**

The second half 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:

**Regular class preparation, attendance and participation: 50%**

Day-to-day preparation and performance is critical in any language course, especially in the early years of one's training. Given their highly interactive nature, language classes simply cannot be "made up" if missed. A lost contact hour will set you back in your quest to interact competently with Russian speakers and culture. It is for this reason that daily preparation, attendance, and participation figure so prominently into the grading scheme. Lackluster in-class performance, unexcused absences and late or ignored homework assignments will be noted and calculated into the 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.

**Tests + oral quizzes (7): 28%**

**Vocab quizzes – 7%**

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 (oral and written) - 15% (10 + 5)**

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.

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

**A = 90 - 100%**

**A- = 85 - 89%**

**B = 80 - 84%**

**B- = 75 - 79%**

**C = 70 - 74%**

**C- = 65 - 69%**

**D = 60 - 64%**

**E = 50 - 59% - Failure**

**Important dates:**

**Vocab /Oral quizzes – Written test**

**Unit 7 - January, 19-20**

**Unit 8 - February, 3-4**

**Unit 9 - February, 18-19**

**Unit 10 - March, 10-11**

**Unit 11 – March, 26-27**

**Unit 12 - April, 8-9**

**Unit 13 – April, 217**

**Final oral – April, 19**

***Course Materials***

Textbook: Dan E. Davidson, Kira S. Gor and Maria D. Lecic, Live From Russia: Russian Stage One, Volume 2 (ACTR, the latest edition). The textbook package is available for purchase at local university bookstores and includes a textbook, workbook, DVD and CD.