

Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures

Fall 2019

RUS 2220 (Section 6558) Intermediate Russian 1 (4 credits)

(Prerequisite: RUS 1131 or the instructor's permission)

Classes: Period 9 (4:05-4:55 p.m.) M, T, W, R: Dauer Hall Oral Exam: December 2, 3 & 4 (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday).	Instructor: Dr Aleksandr L'vovich Burak Dauer Hall, room 254 E-mail: alburak@ufl.edu Tel: (352) 273-3798 Office hours: T, R (1:55-2:45 p.m.) or by appointment (Dauer Hall, room 254)
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Main course objectives:

- to review noun, adjective, and pronoun case forms
- to review verbal conjugation
- to increase your general grammatical knowledge
- to increase your vocabulary
- to improve your four language skills – speaking, listening, reading, and writing

Learning outcomes and competences:

Upon successful completion of this course, you will be able to:

- read non-professional texts of medium difficulty
- use Russian grammar and spell with greater accuracy and confidence
- understand naturally-spoken, “unsimplified” (even if basic) Russian
- talk on common topics (at the lower intermediate/i.e. not very difficult level) with good pronunciation and intonation

Grading:

The following statements related to class attendance, make-up exams and other work are consistent with university policies that can be found at:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>

Attendance and class participation (based on careful preparation of home assignments /written and oral) – 40%

5 in-class written tests based on the grammar and vocabulary of the material that has been covered – 40%

Final oral exam – 20%

Attendance and class participation (doing the home assignments and participating actively in the classroom activities) will be taken very seriously and duly reflected in the determination of your final grade. The written tests and the final oral exam will be closely based on the vocabulary and grammar material that will have been studied in the course of the semester.

Grading Scale:

The following scale is in accordance with the UF grading policies. It will be used in calculating your overall grade for the course:

A = 95-100% (4 points)	B - = 75-79% (2.67 points)	D + = 55-59% (1.33 points)
A - = 90-94% (3.67 points)	C+ = 70-74% (2.33 points)	D = 50-54% (1.0 point)
B+ = 85-89% (3.33 points)	C = 65-69% (2.0 points)	D - = 45-49% (0.67 points)
B = 80-84% (3.0 points)	C - = 60-64% (1.67 points)	E = 40 – 44% (0 – Failure)

See also: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>

Primary course materials (you need to have BOTH of the listed print items)

1. Olga Kagan Frank Miller, Ganna Kudyma. В пути (V Puti). *Russian Grammar in context* Textbook). Second edition. Pearson/Prentice Hall, 2006. ISBN 0-13-028280-4.
2. Olga Kagan Frank Miller, Ganna Kudyma. В пути (V Puti). *Student Activities Manual*. Second edition. Pearson/Prentice Hall, 2006. ISBN 0-13-191760-9.
3. www.gramota.ru – Free online site for advanced studies.

Expected Class Demeanor

Please, come to class on time. No cell phone use or use of other electronic devices unrelated to class work will be allowed. I would also appreciate it if you would refrain from eating, drinking or chewing gum while the class is in progress.

Make-Up Quizzes or Tests

A student will only be allowed to make up a missed test if s/he has a doctor's sickness note or other official documentation specifying valid reasons for missing the class. If any serious personal reasons preventing you from writing a test should arise, please, let me know about them before you miss the test so that we can work out an accommodation.

Classroom Accommodation

Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

Quality of Instruction Comments

At the end of the fall semester, students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens and will be able to complete evaluations through the email they will receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>.”

Schedule of Classes

Please note:

- This schedule of classes is not set in stone and may undergo modifications as the semester progresses.
- All of the home assignments will have to be completed in full by the beginning of the relevant class period. I will note instances of being unprepared in class and will factor them into your final grade.

Weeks 1-2 (Aug. 20, 21, 22; 26, 27, 28, 29): Chapter 1. Let’s Introduce Ourselves.
Mon., Aug. 26: Film “Irony of Fate.”

Weeks 3-4 (Sept. 3, 4, 5; 9, 10, 11, 12): Chapter 2. Students’ Life. Mon., Sept. 9: Film “Irony of Fate.”
Thur., Sept. 12, test 1.

Weeks 5-6 (Sept. 16, 17, 18, 19; 23, 24, 25, 26): Chapter 3. Everything About Your Family. Mon., Sept. 16, 23: Film “Irony of Fate.” Thursday, September 26, test 2.

Weeks 7-8 (Sept. 30; Oct. 1, 2, 3; 7, 8, 9, 10): Chapter 4. The World Wide Web. Mon., Sept. 30; Oct. 7: Film “Irony of Fate.” Thursday, October 10, test 3.

Weeks 9-10 (Oct. 14, 15, 16, 17; 21, 22, 23, 24): Chapter 5. Our Home. Mon., Oct. 14, 21: Film “Irony of Fate.” Thursday, October 24, test 4.

Weeks 11-12 (Oct. 28, 29, 30, 31; Nov. 4, 5, 6, 7): Chapter 6. What Kind of Person are You? Mon., Oct. 28; Nov. 4: Film “Irony of Fate.” Thursday, November 7, test 5.

Weeks 13-14 (Nov. 12, 13, 14; 18, 19, 20, 21): Review of the salient points of the material covered in the course of the semester. Remedial work on persistent errors in individual students’ written and oral Russian. Completion of work on the film “Irony of Fate.” Note: Nov. 11 is Veterans Day – no classes).

Weeks 15-16 (Nov. 25, 26; Dec. 2, 3, 4 – Oral exam):

Review of the salient points of the material covered in the course of the semester. Remedial work on persistent errors in individual students’ written and oral Russian. Questions and answers about the final oral exam. Optional (time permitting): Watching and discussing excerpts from some entertaining Russian films and television shows.

Oral Exam: December 2, 3 & 4 (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday).