

RUS 4000, section 29BG: Advanced Russian I (formerly “RUS 4930 – Third-year Russian”)
Course Syllabus, Fall 2016

Time: MWF 7 (1:55 - 2:45)
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Goals and scope of the course:

“Advanced Russian I” is the first of a two-course sequence of post-intermediate language study. Its prerequisite is four semesters of Russian language study (thus two semesters of beginning Russian + two semesters of intermediate), or the instructor’s permission.

“Advanced Russian I” aims to strengthen all four fundamental language acquisition skills — speaking, listening, reading and writing — while also enhancing your command of essential vocabulary and grammatical structures. By the end of the course you should be able both to communicate and to comprehend more thoroughly and effectively in Russian. Contextualized exercises and readings throughout the course will also expand your knowledge of contemporary Russian life and culture.

Content:

Our interactive course materials will be drawn from our required course textbook (see details below) and its corresponding online supplements. Closely following the structure of our textbook, our daily classroom activities will typically include (1) oral warm-up and practice; (2) collective reading and performance of textbook activities; (3) analysis, explication and discussion of relevant lexical and grammatical materials; (4) review of recent and/or upcoming assignments. Daily assignments will require your preparation of exercises in the course textbook. Once every 1-2 weeks you will also be asked to prepare a written homework assignment («**Письменная практика**») and to submit it to me for evaluation. Finally, five tri-weekly tests in class will require you to demonstrate your assimilation of course material in writing. *There will NOT be a comprehensive final exam for this course.*

Required course textbook (to be brought to class daily!):

Kagan, Kudyma, Miller. *Russian: From Intermediate to Advanced*. N.Y.: Routledge, 2015. [ISBN # 978-0-415-71227-9]
Required online supplements to this textbook available at: “<http://www.russian.ucla.edu/AdvancedRussian/Welcome.html>”

Course requirements and expectations:

1. Regular attendance and assimilation of material covered in class (see also “**Attendance policy**,” below);
2. Consistent engagement in all classroom activities for the entire fifty minutes of each day’s lesson; this includes NOT operating electronic devices during class. *Please NOTE* that laptops or other electronic reading devices (tablets, e-book readers, smart phones, etc.) may be used in class *ONLY* for the purpose of viewing course material. Please do *NOT* surf the internet or read / write electronic messages during our class lessons. Failure to respect this rule will result in a lower “Course Participation” grade.
3. Thorough and punctual completion of all daily/weekly assignments;
4. Completion of five written, in-class tests [**контрольные**] of fifty minutes duration. Each **контрольная** will test your knowledge and assimilation of the course material(s) assigned up to that point.

Attendance policy: Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with UF policies (see catalog: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>). Although there is no penalty for officially excusable absences (as defined by university policy), please *NOTE* that *the number of class meetings attended* counts for 10% of the course grade. Thus if a class is missed, even for officially acceptable reasons, then an attendance point will not be gained for that day. The attendance score will equal the percentage of meetings actually attended, so *be sure to sign the attendance list daily*.

Final course grades will be assigned according to the following scale: **A** = a final course percentage of 93-100; **A-** = 90-92; **B+** = 87-89; **B** = 83-86; **B-** = 80-82; **C+** = 77-79; **C** = 73-76; **C-** = 70-72; **D+** = 67-69; **D** = 63-66; **D-** = 60-62; **E** = less than 60. U.F.’s “grade point” scale can be accessed at: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>

Final course grades will be based on the following percentages:

1. Attendance (number of class meetings attended) [see “Attendance policy,” above]. **10%**
2. Course participation (daily involvement in class activities, punctual & thorough completion of all assignments & exams). **10%**
3. Ten writing assignments (“**письменные практики**”), to be submitted on the dates indicated in the Weekly Sched, below. **10%**
4. Five in-class unit tests (**контрольные**). **70%** (14% each)

IN-CLASS TEST DATES — PLEASE TAKE NOTE!!

Контрольная № 1 (50 min., in-class). **Mon., Sept. 12**
Контрольная № 2 (50 min., in-class). **Fri., Sept. 30**
Контрольная № 3 (50 min., in-class). **Fri., Oct. 21**
Контрольная № 4 (50 min., in-class). **Wed. Nov. 9**
Контрольная № 5 (50 min. in-class + take-home portion). **Mon-Wed., Dec. 5–7**

Make-up policy: Except in the case of a certified illness or other officially approved reason (e.g. U.F.-assigned travel), there will be no make-up option for missed tests (**контрольные**). Please do NOT request an individual assignment for extra credit in place of a missed test (or missed assignment, or missed classes)! If/when unavoidable, a make-up test should be arranged in person with me *prior* to an anticipated absence. In case of certified illness, you should contact me immediately following your return to classes.

Classroom accommodation: Students requesting classroom or exam accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. That office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide it to me when requesting accommodation. **Students with physical, learning, sensory or psychological disabilities** will be accommodated in accordance with UF policies.

All must adhere to U.F.'s **Student Honor Code:** <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/advising/info/student-honor-code.aspx>.

Weekly Schedule*

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- Week 01** (Aug. 22, 24, 26): ГЛАВА 1
- Раздел 1, 2 (учебника)
 - Общая тема главы: “**Образование и 21 век**”
 - Избранная лексика: глагол «**учить**» с приставками
 - Избранная грамматика: **род. падеж; выражение времени; вид глагола** (и пр.)
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- Week 02** (Aug. 29, 31, Sept. 2): ГЛАВА 1 (продолжение)
- Раздел 2, 3
 - На среду, 31 авг.: «**Письменная практика № 1**»
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- Week 03** (Sept. 7, 9): ГЛАВА 1 (окончание)
- Раздел 5, 6
 - На среду, 7 сент.: «**Письменная практика № 2**»
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- Week 04** (Sept. 12, 14, 16): ГЛАВА 1 (окончание); ГЛАВА 2 (начало)
- **пн., 12 сент.: КОНТРОЛЬНАЯ № 1**
 - Раздел 1, 2
 - Общая тема главы: “**Работа и жизнь**”
 - Избр. лексика: глагол «**работать**» с приставками
 - Избр. грам.: **род. падеж; вид и инфинитив** (и пр.)
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- Week 05** (Sept. 19, 21, 23): ГЛАВА 2
- На понедельник, 19 сент.: «**Письменная прак. № 3**»
 - Раздел 2, 3
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- Week 06** (Sept. 26, 28, 30): ГЛАВА 2
- На понедельник, 26 сент.: «**Письменная прак. № 4**»
 - Раздел 5, 6
 - **пт., 30 сент.: КОНТРОЛЬНАЯ № 2**
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- Week 07** (Oct. 3, 5, 7): ГЛАВА 3
- Раздел 1, 2
 - Общая тема главы: “**Свободное время и образ жизни**”
 - Избр. лексика: глагол «**читать**» с приставками
 - Избр. грамматика: **вин. падеж; выражение уступки; вид в императиве**
 - На пятницу, 7 окт.: «**Письменная прак. № 5**»
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- Week 08** (Oct. 10, 12): ГЛАВА 3
- Раздел 2, 3
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- Week 09** (Oct. 17, 19, 21): ГЛАВА 3
- На понедельник, 17 окт.: «**Письменная прак. № 6**»
 - Раздел 5, 6
 - **пт., 21 окт.: КОНТРОЛЬНАЯ № 3**
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- Week 10** (Oct. 24, 26, 28): ГЛАВА 4
- Раздел 1, 2
 - Общая тема главы: “**Семья и семейные отношения**”
 - Избр. лексика: глагол “**жить**” с приставками
 - Избр. грамматика: **вин. падеж; глаголы движения; причина и следствие**
 - На пятницу, 28 окт.: «**Письменная прак. № 7**»
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- Week 11** (Oct. 31, Nov. 2, 4): ГЛАВА 4
- Раздел 2, 3
 - На пятницу, 4 нояб.: «**Письменная прак. № 8**»
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- Week 12** (Nov. 7, 9): ГЛАВА 4
- Раздел 5, 6
 - **ср., 9 нояб.: КОНТРОЛЬНАЯ № 4**
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- Week 13** (Nov. 14, 16, 18): ГЛАВА 5
- Раздел 1, 2
 - Общая тема главы: “**Город, пригород и деревня**”
 - Избр. лексика: **по теме «город»**
 - Избр. грамматика: **дат. падеж; глаголы движения; цель**
 - На среду, 16 нояб.: «**Письменная прак. № 9**»
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- Week 14** (Nov. 21): ГЛАВА 5
- Раздел 2, 3
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- Week 15** (Nov. 28, 30, Dec. 2): ГЛАВА 5
- Раздел 5, 6
 - На среду, 30 нояб.: «**Письменная прак. № 10**»
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- Week 16** (Dec. 5, 7): ГЛАВА 5
- **пн.-ср, 5–7 дек.: КОНТРОЛЬНАЯ № 5**
 - окончание

*Daily assignments will be announced in class and also posted on our online “E-learning” course space (lss.at.ufl.edu).