

**University of Florida**  
**Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures**  
**Course Syllabus – RUS 1131**  
**Spring 2020**

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*Section Number: 7N44*  
*Credits: 5*  
*Meeting Time: MTWRF 5<sup>th</sup> period*  
*Meeting Location: DAU 233*

**Course Goals and Description:**

This course is the second of a two-semester Russian for beginners, and is designed to further student's knowledge of Russian language and culture through a variety of interactive methods. The course emphasizes the four most important language learning skills – speaking, listening, reading, and writing – and integrates rich cultural content throughout. 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 simple communicative situations by the end of the semester.

**Course Materials:**

Maria D. Lekis, Dan E. Davidson and Kira S. Gor, *Live from Russia: Russian Stage Two*, volume 2 (ACTR, 2008). The textbook package is available for purchase at the University Bookstore and includes a textbook, workbook, video tape and audio tape.

The RUS 1131 **Course Materials** and **Course Reader** can be purchased at Target Copy.

**Additional Materials:**

3"x 5" index cards, lined paper, folder.

**Note:** Class materials are not always derived directly from the textbook. Rather, the instructor will draw from many other sources, such as additional books, journals, newspapers, among other sources.

**Course requirements:**

Grades will be determined based on the following components:

Regular class preparation, attendance, quizzes or tests and participation: **50 pts.**

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.

Lackluster in-class performance, unexcused absences 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 20 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 must miss a class because of an emergency, email me before class. Get to know someone in the class whom you can call regarding missed work.

Makeup – permitted only for medical reasons or personal emergencies.

**NOTE: After each unit there will be a test.**

**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 – (6): 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 – (15): 10 pts.**

**Grading:**

Regular class preparation, attendance, and participation	- 50 pts.
Tests	- 600 pts.
Quizzes	- 150 pts.
Final exam will include all units.	- 100 + 100 pts.
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Total:	- 1000 pts.

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, quizzes, tests.		_____/50 pts.
Test 7 + quizzes	Unit 7	_____/100 + 10 + 10
Test 8 + quizzes	unit 8	_____/100 + 10 + 10
Test 9 + quizzes	Unit 9	_____/100 + 10 + 10
Test 10 + quizzes	Unit 10	_____/100 + 10 + 10
Test 11 + quizzes	Unit 11	_____/100 + 10 + 10
Test 12 + quizzes	Unit 12	_____/100 + 10 + 10
Quizzes	Unit 13	_____/10 + 10 + 10
Final Exam	Units 7 – 13 Grammar	_____/100
	Speaking Exam	_____/100

Your Total: \_\_\_\_\_/1000 pts.

#### 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.

#### Course Calendar

(Tentative and subject to change based on class needs)

Week	Date	Unit
1 – 2	1/6 – 17	Unit 7
3 – 4	1/21 – 1/31	Unit 8
5 – 6	2/3 – 2/14	Unit 9
7 – 8	2/17 – 2/28	Unit 10
9 – 10	2/29 – 3/7	Spring Break
11 – 12	3/9 – 3/20	Unit 11
13 – 14	3/23 – 4/3	Unit 12
15 – 16	4/6 – 4/17	Unit 13
17	4/20 – 4/22	Review
Final Exam	4/30/20 10:00 am – 12:00 pm	

**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.