

RUS 3400, Intermediate Russian 2 (class #17557, section 7N47):

Course syllabus and schedule

- Time of meetings: **MTWR 6th period** (12:50 - 1:40 p.m.)
 - Place of meetings: **MAT 0105**
 - Instructor, e-mail: **James Goodwin** (jegoodwi@ufl.edu) — *this is the best way to reach me outside of class.*
 - Instructor office hours: **T, R 2:00–3:00****
 - ****NOTE**** that due to Covid concerns, in Spring 2022 I will hold office hours **outside** (on campus), rather than in my office (252c Dauer Hall), until further notice.
 - **To arrange a meeting with me**, please **contact me in advance**, either during class or by e-mail, so that I can tell you where on campus to meet me.
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Course description, prerequisites, learning goals and format:

- **RUS 3400** is a four-credit course in **Intermediate Russian** language study. It is the second of a two-semester sequence that began with RUS 2220 (in fall semester).
 - **RUS 3400** 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.
 - Daily exercises and homework will help you to continue to develop the reading, listening, speaking and writing skills necessary for an intermediate command of Russian. By the end of the course, your comprehension and production of Russian should be at, or close to, the threshold of advanced proficiency.
 - Course materials and activities will also expand your knowledge of contemporary Russian life and culture.
 - The **prerequisite** for this course is RUS 2220 (Intermediate Russian “1”) **or** equivalent proficiency, as determined by the instructor and demonstrated in an advanced placement exam. If you have **not** completed RUS 2220 but believe that you qualify for RUS 3400, please contact me (the instructor) for an interview and advanced placement exam before the end of the first week of classes.
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Course textbook and materials:

- [required:] **В Пути!**: *Russian Grammar in Context* (2nd ed.) by Kagan, Miller & Kudyma (Pearson/Prentice Hall, 2006);
 - [required:] *Student Activities Manual for В Пути!*: *Russian Grammar in Context*, 2nd ed. (Pearson/Prentice Hall, 2006);
 - [required:] Online supplemental materials that accompany our **В Пути!** textbook and workbook, currently available at: <http://www.russian.ucla.edu/vputi/>;
 - [required:] Regular / daily access to “**Canvas**,” UF’s online course management platform (lss.at.ufl.edu), for digital materials, announcements, communication, etc.
 - [optional:] Gasperetti, David. *A Reference Grammar for В Пути* [ISBN # 0-13-189921-X].
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Class meetings, activities, assignments (homework) and tests:

- Unless the university compels us to move our class to online-only (via Zoom), our fifth-period class will be conducted entirely “in person” / face-to-face” in our designated room in **Matherly Hall**. PLEASE follow all [UF health advisories](#) for in-person class meetings, the most important of which is **(1) to wear a mask at all times** throughout our entire time together in the classroom, and **(2) to avoid coming to class if / when you begin to feel ill**. See “Attendance Policy,” below, for more details on missing class due to illness.

- Our **daily class activities** will typically include (1) oral review & 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; (5) questions about materials, assignments etc.
- **Daily homework (preparation)**: For most class meetings during the semester, I will ask you to prepare responses to exercises from our course textbook. **Unless I ask you to do otherwise, you do *not* need to submit your responses to textbook exercises in written form.** In fact, these textbook exercises should prove more useful when you do *not* write out your answers, but instead attempt in class to recall the answer which you prepared in advance.
- **Weekly homework (written / typed)**: Each week — excluding test weeks — I will give you a hard / printed copy of a written homework assignment («**задание**») which you will complete and **submit to me for evaluation**.
 - The **format** of the written assignment will consist mainly of English-to-Russian translation based on the new lexical and grammatical material we've covered up to that point, as well as selected tasks and exercises from the workbook ("Student Activities Manual").
 - Your completed **задание** will be given one of three possible grades, in order of the highest:
 - "completed (plus)" (= completed with no, or very few, mistakes);
 - "completed only" (= completed, but with a significant number of mistakes);
 - "completed-minus" (= submitted more than one class day late, or submitted incomplete, or submitted with less than 50% of the responses grammatically and lexically correct).
- **Five tri-weekly *written* tests and one comprehensive *oral* test**:
 - For this course **you will submit five written / typed tests** («**контрольные**») that will cover selected material from Chapters 6–12 of our textbook. The tests will measure your assimilation of the material covered in all the assignments and activities performed within a particular chapter. You will have a full class period (fifty minutes) to complete the written **контрольные**.
 - The **format** of the written tests will consist mainly of Russian-English translation (sentences) and English-Russian translation (sentences). Each test will also include grammatical and/or lexical prompts based on exercises you have completed in the textbook and/or workbook.
 - The **tests must be completed in the classroom and *without* any aids** (notes, textbook, internet, etc.). Failure to observe this rule will result in an automatic score of 0 for that test.
 - The fifth written test («**Контрольная № 5**») will be conducted during our designated final exam time on **Wednesday, April 27 at 12:30 p.m.**
 - At the end of the semester everyone must complete **an individual *oral* test** that will assume the form of a (roughly) twelve-to-fourteen minute interview with me in Russian.
 - The test will require that you (1) comprehend oral questions from me in Russian (e.g. "**На каком курсе вы учитесь?**") and (2) respond verbally in grammatically and lexically appropriate sentences, and/or follow my instructions (e.g. I ask you: "**Как перевести следующее предложение на английский?**" — and then read a Russian sentence for you to translate in English).
 - Each person's individual oral test will take place during a fifteen-minute slot (to be determined by *individual appointment/arrangement*) between Wednesday, April 20 and Wednesday, April 27.

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Course participation and attendance:

- **Course participation** is required and will be assessed by the following criteria:
 - Attendance (see following section on "**Attendance policy**");
 - Consistent and full attention to all class activities for the entire fifty minutes of each day's lesson;

- Participation in all assigned class tasks and exercises;
 - Thorough and punctual completion of all assigned homework and tests;
 - Please *NOTE* that any/all electronic devices brought to class must **(1)** be kept *silent* throughout our class meeting and **(2)** must be used *only* for class-related activities (or an emergency). Repeated use of an electronic device for purposes not directly related to our course (e.g. personal communication, internet viewing, etc.) will affect the final “Course Participation” component of your grade.
- **Attendance policy:**
 - Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with UF policies **as defined in the UF undergrad catalog under “[Attendance Policies](#)”**.
 - Everyone is expected to attend all class meetings except in cases of illness or unavoidable absence for officially acceptable reasons (as defined by UF’s “[Attendance Policies](#)”). Due to the highly contagious nature of Covid variants, do not come to class if you are, or believe you may be, carrying Covid. If you begin to feel or show common Covid symptoms, or believe that you have been recently exposed to Covid through contact with an infected carrier, then seek testing as soon as possible and contact me about arrangements for make-up work.
 - *Please* attend class *only* during the period for which you are officially registered! For example, if you are registered for the 5th period section of RUS 3400, you should attend *only* the 5th period class meetings; conversely, if you are registered for the 6th period section, you should attend *only* during 6th period. Choose the section which is most convenient for your schedule and register for that section before the end of the Drop-Add period.
 - **Class absences and attendance score:**
 - There are no attendance penalties for an **officially excused absence (as defined by UF’s “[Attendance Policies](#)”)**.
 - Your **attendance score** at the end of the semester will be based on *two* percentages:
 - 1) the number of classes you actually *attended*;
 - 2) the number of classes you were *able* to attend, where “able” to attend means every class for which you did not provide documentation of an **officially excused absence (as defined in the UF undergrad catalog under “[Attendance Policies](#)”)**.
 - If a class is missed, even for officially acceptable reasons, then an attendance point will not be gained for that day (and will inevitably lower the first attendance percentage slightly); but if the absence is officially excused, then it will *not* lower the second attendance percentage, which will remain at 100% as long as your absences are officially excused. At the end of the course, your attendance grade will be based on an average of the two percentages (total attendance + total possible attendance divided by two).
 - **Make-up policy:**
 - Make-up work and tests (**контрольные**) will be available only in the case of absence due to illness or other officially approved reason (e.g. U.F.-assigned travel). Please inform me as soon as you anticipate an absence or missed assignment or test. If you do not contact me, then I must assume that you do not (or did not) intend to complete the assigned work or test.
 - If/when unavoidable, a make-up test should be arranged in person with me *prior* to an anticipated absence. In case of illness, you should contact me immediately following your return to classes to arrange a make-up. Individual assignments for extra credit will *not* be given to compensate for a missed test (or missed assignment, or missed classes).

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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 [see “**Attendance policy**,” above] **10%**
2. Course participation (regular uninterrupted attendance, regular involvement in class activities, punctual & thorough completion of assignments & tests) **10%**
3. Weekly writing assignments (“**письменные задания**”), due on the dates indicated in the Weekly Sched, below **10%**
4. Five in-class unit tests (**контрольные**) + one 12–14 minute oral test **70%**

Test Dates:

- Контрольная № 1** (50 min., in-class) **Thurs., Jan. 20**
Контрольная № 2 (50 min., in-class) **Thurs., Feb. 10**
Контрольная № 3 (50 min., in-class) **Thurs., Mar. 3**
Контрольная № 4 (50 min., in-class) **Thurs., Mar. 31**
Контрольная № 5 (50 min., in-class) **Wed. Apr 27 @ 12:30 p.m.**
Oral test / interview in Russian (12–14 minutes) by appointment from **Wed., Apr. 20 to Wed., Apr. 27**
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Academic accommodations:

Students with physical, learning, sensory or psychological disabilities will be accommodated in accordance with UF policies. Students requesting academic accommodations must first register with the Dean of Students Office, which will provide documentation to the student who must then provide it to me when requesting accommodation. Information on accommodations is available from the [Disability Resource Center](https://drc.ufl.edu) (352-392-8565, drc@ufsa.ufl.edu).

Course evaluation policy:

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.ua.ufl.edu/students/>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/>. Summaries of evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.ua.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

All are required to adhere to U.F.’s **Student Honor and Conduct Codes**:

<https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honor-code-student-conduct-code/>.

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Weekly Schedule of Topics, Activities, Assignments & Tests

Please *NOTE*, in particular, the dates for the Unit quizzes (“**контрольные**”), which will *not* change except for an unforeseen emergency (university closure, official cancellation of classes, etc.).

Also *NOTE* that a more detailed *daily* list of assignments will be regularly posted / updated on our Canvas course space (in the “Files” folder).

Week 01 (Jan. 5 – 6):

- Wed., Jan. 5: Introduction to the course. Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapter 6.
- Thurs., Jan. 6: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapter 6.

Week 02 (Jan. 10 – 13):

- Mon., Jan. 10: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapter 6.
- Tues., Jan. 11: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapter 6.
- Wed., Jan. 12: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapters 7–8. *Submit Задание № 1.*
- Thurs., Jan. 13: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapters 7–8.

Week 03 (Jan. 17 – 20):

- Mon., Jan. 17: NO CLASS (University holiday).
- Tues., Jan. 18: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapters 7–8. *Submit Задание № 2.*
- Wed., Jan. 19: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapters 7–8.
- Thurs., Jan. 20: **Контрольная № 1**

Week 04 (Jan. 24 – 27):

- Mon., Jan. 24: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapters 7–9.
- Tues., Jan. 25: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapters 7–9.
- Wed., Jan. 26: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapters 7–9.
- Thurs., Jan. 27: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapters 7–9. *Submit Задание № 3*

Week 05 (Jan. 31 – Feb. 3):

- Mon., Jan. 31: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapters 7–9.
- Mon., Feb. 1: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapters 7–9.
- Wed., Feb. 2: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapters 7–9.
- Thurs., Feb. 3: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapters 7–9. *Submit Задание № 4*

Week 06 (Feb. 7 – 10):

- Mon., Feb. 7: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapters 7–9.
- Mon., Feb. 8: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapters 7–9.
- Wed., Feb. 9: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapters 7–9.
- Thurs., Feb. 10: **Контрольная № 2.**

Week 07 (Feb. 14 – 17):

- Mon., Feb. 14: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapters 8–9.
- Mon., Feb. 15: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapters 8–9.
- Wed., Feb. 16: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapters 8–9.
- Thurs., Feb. 17: NO CLASS (“Recharge Day” № 1). *Submit Задание № 5*

Week 08 (Feb. 21 – 24):

- Mon., Feb. 21: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapters 9–10.
- Tues., Feb. 22: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapters 9–10.
- Wed., Feb. 23: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapters 9–10.
- Thurs., Feb. 24: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapters 9–10. *Submit Задание № 6*

Week 09 (Feb. 28 – Mar. 3):

- Mon., Feb. 28: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapter 10.
- Tues., Mar. 1: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapter 10.
- Wed., Mar. 2: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapter 10.
- Thurs., Mar. 3: **Контрольная № 3.**

Week 10 (Mar. 14 – 17): «В Пути!», Глава 10

- Mon., Mar. 14: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapters 10–11.

- Tues., Mar. 15: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapters 10–11.
- Wed., Mar. 16: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapters 10–11.
- Thurs., Mar. 17: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapters 10–11. *Submit Задание № 7*

Week 11 (Mar. 21–24): «В Пути!», Глава 11

- Mon., Mar. 21: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapter 11.
- Tues., Mar. 22: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapter 11.
- Wed., Mar. 23: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapter 11.
- Thurs., Mar. 24: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapter 11. *Submit Задание № 8*

Week 12 (Mar. 28 – Mar. 31): «В Пути!», Глава 11

- Mon., Mar. 28: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapter 11.
- Tues., Mar. 29: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapter 11.
- Wed., Mar. 30: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapter 11.
- Thurs., Mar. 31: **Контрольная № 4.**

Week 13 (Apr. 5 – 8): «В Пути!», Глава 11–12

- Mon., Apr. 5: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapter 12.
- Tues., Apr. 6: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapter 12.
- Wed., Apr. 7: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapter 12.
- Thurs., Apr. 8: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapter 12. *Submit Задание № 9*

Week 14 (Apr. 12 – Apr. 15): «В Пути!», Глава 12

- Mon., Apr. 12: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapter 12.
- Tues., Apr. 13: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapter 12.
- Wed., Apr. 14: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapter 12.
- Thurs., Apr. 15: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapter 12. *Submit Задание № 10*

Week 15 (Apr. 19 – 21): «В Пути!», Глава 12

- Mon., Apr. 19: Grammar, activities and exercises from Chapter 12.
- Tues., Apr. 20: Review for 12–14 minute oral test / interview (which I will conduct individually with everyone during a fifteen-minute period sometime between Wed. Apr. 21 and Wed. Apr. 28).
- Wed., Apr. 21: Oral tests / interviews begin.

Week 16 (Finals week, Apr. 19 – 21):

- Wed., Apr. 27, 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.: **Контрольная № 5.**