

RUS 4000: Advanced Russian I (course/section number 18350 / 29BG)
Course Syllabus, Fall 2021

Time & place of class meetings: **MWF 6 (12:50 - 1:40), DAU 342**

Instructor: **James Goodwin** (“oh” / “ego” / “ero”)

Instructor’s campus office & phone: **Dauer 252c, (352) 273-3790.**

Instructor’s office hours: **M 2:00–4:00** (either in person, or via Zoom). *Please notify me *in advance* by e-mail if/ when you intend to see me during office hours, as I may be holding office hours that day at an outdoor location.*

Instructor’s e-mail adr: jegoodwi@ufl.edu (*NOTE* that e-mail is the best means of contacting me outside of class).

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Course description & learning goals:

- “Advanced Russian I” is the first of a two-course sequence of **post-intermediate** language study. It carries **three credit / contact hours**. 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 accurately and effectively in Russian. Contextualized exercises and readings throughout the course will also expand your knowledge of contemporary Russian life and culture.
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Course format:

- RUS 4000 is a “face-to-face” course and must be conducted from our assigned classroom. All enrollees are encouraged to attend classes in person. HOWEVER, in the interest of minimizing the possibility of COVID transmission, anyone who wishes to attend our class meetings remotely (via Zoom) on a given day may do so without penalty. For more details, see “**Attendance policy**,” below.
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Course textbook and materials:

- Materials for Advanced Russian will be drawn from **our required course textbook**, *[Russian: From Intermediate to Advanced](#)*, by Kagan, Kudyma and Miller (N.Y.: Routledge, 2015) [ISBN # 978-0-415-71227-9], which you should purchase. *Note* that if / when you take RUS 4001 in Spring 2022, you will use this same textbook.
 - **Our designated course space on Canvas**, for which you will need **a reliable internet connection**. Daily assignments, homework, grammar supplements, announcements, etc. will be made available on Canvas, primarily in folders located under our Canvas “**Files**” link. We will also utilize online materials that accompany our textbook, available at: “<http://www.russian.ucla.edu/AdvancedRussian/Welcome.html>”.
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Class meetings, activities and assignments:

- **Daily activities:** Our regular class meetings will take place exclusive online via the “Zoom” video conferencing platform (please let me know if you have never used this before). Our daily Zoom meetings 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.
- **Daily homework (preparation):** For most class meetings during the semester, I will ask you to prepare responses to exercises from our course textbook. **You do *not* need to submit written responses to textbook exercises.** In fact, these daily exercises should prove more useful when you do *not* write out your answers, but instead attempt in class to recall mentally the answer you prepared in advance.

- **Weekly homework (written or typed):** Every week or so I will distribute (in hard copy) a written homework assignment, or «**письменное задание**», which you will complete and **submit to me for evaluation**.
 - You can submit your completed «**задание**» to me either in hard copy (my preference) or electronically/digitally, by uploading it to the designated “Assignment” prompt on our Canvas site.
 - The «**задание**» 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 (occasionally) other tasks.
- **Tri-weekly tests (written / typed):** For this course **you will submit five written / typed tests** («**контрольные**») that will cover each of the first five chapters in our textbook. The tests will measure your assimilation of the material covered in the assignments and activities which we completed within a particular chapter.
 - The tests will consist of Russian-English translation (sentences), English-Russian translation (sentences), and tasks utilizing any other new grammatical/lexical items not covered in the translation sentences.
 - I will administer a hard copy of the test in the classroom, as well as an electronic copy online (in Canvas). Those who choose to complete the test remotely / electronically will need to (1) download, (2) complete, (3) scan or photograph the completed test, then (4) upload the file or image of it before our class time expires.
 - The **tests must be completed without *any* aids** (notes, textbook, internet, assistance from someone, etc.). Failure to observe this rule will result in an automatic score of “0” for that test.
 - ***NOTE* that there will *not* be a *comprehensive* final exam for this course.** Instead, we will have our fifth tri-weekly test on the day / time of our designated final exam (Thursday, 16 December 2021, from 12:30 - 2:30 PM).
- **One 12–14 minute oral test (interview) in Russian** at the end of the semester.
 - The test will require that you (1) comprehend oral questions from me in Russian and (2) respond verbally in grammatically and lexically appropriate sentences.
 - The time of each person’s individual oral test will take place during a fifteen-minute slot (to be determined by *individual appointment/arrangement*) from Wednesday, December 8 through Wed., Dec. 15.

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Course requirements and expectations:

- **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; that includes *not* being occupied by other personal activities during our class meeting(s). Failure to respect this rule will result in a lower “Course Participation” grade;
 - Completion and/or participation in all assigned class tasks and exercises;
 - Thorough and punctual completion of all assigned homework and tests.
- **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 class regularly, **either in person or via Zoom**, and to remain present, physically or virtually, throughout the entire class meeting. Regular disappearance from the classroom or the radar (Zoom) screen during class will result in a lower “Course participation” grade for the course.
 - There are *no penalties* for an **officially excused absence** (as defined in the UF catalog under “[Attendance Policies](#)”).
 - Your final **attendance score** will combine *two* percentages:
 - * 1) the number (percentage) of classes you attended *overall*;
 - * 2) the number (percentage) of classes you attended *minus* those classes you missed b/c of an **officially excused absence** (illness etc.). Thus, if a class is missed, even for officially acceptable reasons, then an attendance point will *not* be gained for that day and will lower the first attendance percentage; but if the absence is officially excused, then the absence 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, the two percentages will be averaged together for your final attendance score for the course.
- ****COVID-19 advisory**:** In order to maintain our learning environment and enhance the safety of our in-classroom interactions, all participants of this course (RUT 3452) in Fall 2021 are expected to adhere to the following practices:

- * **Everyone is advised to be vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus.** Vaccines are readily available at no cost and have been demonstrated to be safe and effective. Visit this link for details on where to get your shot, including options that do not require an appointment: <https://coronavirus.uflhealth.org/vaccinations/vaccine-availability/>. Students who receive the first dose of the vaccine somewhere off-campus and/or outside of Gainesville can still receive their second dose on campus.
- * **Please wear an approved face covering at all times during class and within buildings, even if you are vaccinated.** Even if you are immune to COVID or free of symptoms, you can easily transmit the virus to someone in the classroom who is far more vulnerable than you (and may not even know it).
- * **If you are ill, or believe that you may be getting ill, please stay home and self-quarantine** until the nature of your illness can be determined. Your absence(s) will be excused and you will be given a reasonable amount of time to make up any missed work. Please visit the [UF Health Screen, Test & Protect website](#) about next steps, retake the questionnaire and schedule your test for no sooner than 24 hours after your symptoms began. If you are ill and need immediate care, call your primary care provider or the UF Student Health Care Center at 352-392-1161 (or email covid@shcc.ufl.edu) to be evaluated for testing and to receive further instructions about returning to campus. UF Health Screen, Test & Protect offers guidance when you are sick, have been exposed to someone who has tested positive, or have tested positive yourself.

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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 (reg. 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%**

In-class Test Dates:

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| Контрольная № 1 (50 min., in-class) | Wed., Sept. 15 |
| Контрольная № 2 (50 min., in-class) | Wed., Oct. 6 |
| Контрольная № 3 (50 min., in-class) | Wed., Oct. 27 |
| Контрольная № 4 (50 min., in-class) | Wed., Nov. 17 |
| Контрольная № 5 (50 min., in-class) | @ <u>12:30 p.m.</u>, Thurs., Dec. 16 |

Make-up policy:

Except in the case of illness or other officially approved reason (e.g. U.F.-assigned travel), there will be no make-up option for missed tests (**контрольные**). 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. 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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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](#) (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/>.

Weekly Schedule of Topics, Activities, Assignments & Tests

NOTE that detailed *daily* assignments will be announced in class and posted on our Canvas space (in the “Files” folder)

Week 01 (Aug. 23, 25, 27): ГЛАВА 1

- Раздел 1, 2, 4 (учебника)
- Общая тема главы: “**Образование и 21 век**”
- Избранная лексика: глагол «учить» с приставками
- Избранная грамматика: род. падеж; выражение времени; вид глагола (и пр.)

Week 02 (Aug. 30, Sept. 1, 3): ГЛАВА 1 (продолжение)

- Раздел 2, 3, 4
- На пятницу, 3 сент.: «Задание № 1»

Week 03 (Sept. 8, 10): ГЛАВА 1 (окончание)

- Раздел 4, 5, 6
- На пятницу, 10 сент.: «Задание № 2»

Week 04 (Sept. 13, 15, 17): ГЛАВА 2 (начало)

- В среду, 15 сент.: **КОНТРОЛЬНАЯ № 1**
- Раздел 1, 2, 4
- Общая тема главы: “**Работа и жизнь**”
- Избр. лексика: глагол «работать» с приставками
- Избр. грам.: род. падеж; вид и инфинитив (и пр.)

Week 05 (Sept. 20, 22, 24): ГЛАВА 2

- Раздел 2, 3, 4
- На пятницу, 24 сент.: «Задание № 3»

Week 06 (Sept. 27, 29, Oct. 1): ГЛАВА 2

- Раздел 4, 5, 6
- На пятницу, 1 окт.: «Задание № 4»

Week 07 (Oct. 4, 6): ГЛАВА 3

- В среду, 6 окт.: **КОНТРОЛЬНАЯ № 2**
- Общая тема главы 3: “**Свободное время и образ жизни**”
- Избр. лексика: глагол «читать» с приставками
- Избр. грам: вин. падеж; “уступка”; вид в императиве

Week 08 (Oct. 11, 13, 15): ГЛАВА 3

- Раздел 2, 3
- На пятницу, 15 окт.: «Задание № 5»

Week 09 (Oct. 18, 20, 22): ГЛАВА 3

- Раздел 4, 5, 6
- На пятницу, 22 окт.: «Задание № 6»

Week 10 (Oct. 25, 27, 29): ГЛАВА 4

- В среду, 27 окт.: **КОНТРОЛЬНАЯ № 3**
- Раздел 1, 2, 4
- Общая тема главы 4: “**Семья и семейные отношения**”
- Избр. лексика: глагол “жить” с приставками
- Избр. грамматика: вин. падеж; глаголы движения; причина и следствие

Week 11 (Nov. 1, 3, 5): ГЛАВА 4

- Раздел 2, 3, 4
- На пятницу, 5 нояб.: «Задание № 7»

Week 12 (Nov. 8, 10, 12): ГЛАВА 4

- Раздел 4, 5, 6
- На пятницу, 12 нояб.: «Задание № 8»

Week 13 (Nov. 15, 17, 19): ГЛАВА 5

- В среду, 17 нояб.: **КОНТРОЛЬНАЯ № 4**
- Раздел 1, 2, 4
- Общая тема главы: “**Город, пригород и деревня**”
- Избр. лексика: по теме «город»
- Избр. грамматика: дат. падеж; глаголы движения; цель

Week 14 (Nov. 22): ГЛАВА 5

- Раздел 2, 3, 4

Week 15 (Nov. 29, Dec. 1, 3): ГЛАВА 5

- Раздел 4, 5, 6
- На пятницу, 3 дек.: «Задание № 9»

Week 15 (Dec. 6, 8): ГЛАВА 5

- Раздел 4, 5, 6

Week 16 — Finals week (Dec. 13–17):

- В чт. 16 дек. @ **12:30** (our final exam slot): **КОНТРОЛЬНАЯ № 5**