

*RUS 1131*  
*Introduction to Russian Language and Culture 2*  
*5 credits)*

*Instructor Galina Wladyka*

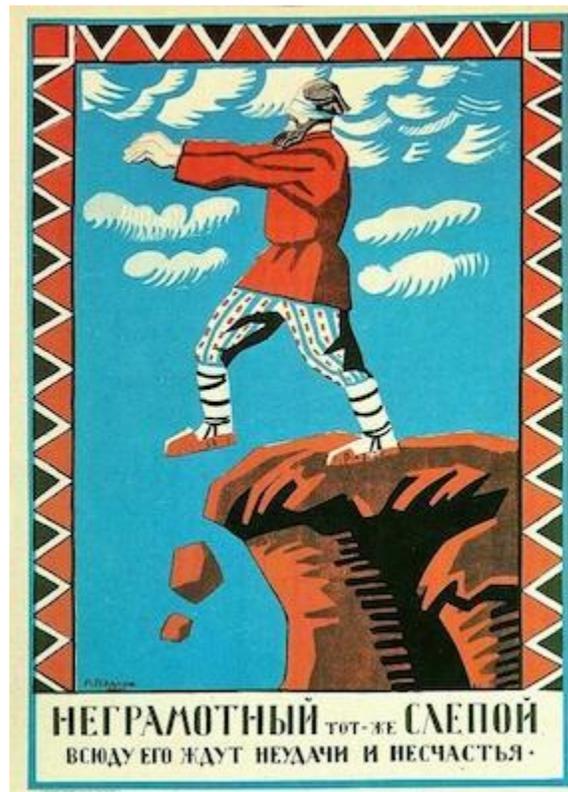
*Class time: period 6 MTWRF (12:50-1:40)*

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*7Q44 100% online via Zoom*

Please note I am planning to teach all sections the first week of class (January 11-15, 2021) online via zoom during which I can explain the HyFlex teaching modality to all students.

The university upper administration has approved two midweek “recharge days” for students in the spring semester, February 25 and March 24, 2021. Classes and exams can be suspended on those two days. Remember that there is no spring break in the spring 2021.



(“He who is illiterate is blind: Misfortune and misery await him everywhere.”  
– From an early Soviet propaganda poster)

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**Course Description and Goals**

RUS 1030 and 1131 offer an intensive and comprehensive introduction to the Russian language focusing on developing speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills. If successfully completed, students will be able to function in a variety of everyday settings in Russian and speak in short paragraphs about themselves, their backgrounds, families, studies, interests, and plans. The course will also expose students to a variety of aspects of Russian culture, current events, and everyday life.

**Credit and Prerequisites**

This course carries five credits counts toward the UF language requirement and serves as a prerequisite for the Russian major and minor. There are no prerequisites, and no knowledge of Russian language is required.

**Course Requirements and Grading**

You will be required to:

- Attend class meetings.
- Participate actively and intelligently in class exercises.
- Complete the assignments scheduled for each class meeting and be prepared to work with them in class.
- Take 5-6-unit tests and occasional short quizzes.
- Complete summary proficiency activities, designed to assess your overall mastery, during the final days of the semester.

Your course grade will be determined by the quality and consistence of your daily performance and periodic quizzes, tests and other assessment activities as follows:

- Daily Grind (attendance-20%/participation-10%/homework: workbook – 10%, canvas pages -10%) -- 50%
- 6 Unit Tests: 40%
- Quizzes: 10% (short periodic checks of students' mastery of new vocabulary, grammatical points, conversational skills, or cultural knowledge).

***Tests***

Test grades will be calculated according to the following scale:

A = 93 – 100%	C- = 70 – 72%
A- = 90 – 92%	D+ = 67 – 69%
B+ = 87 – 89%	D = 63 – 66%

B = 83 – 86%

B- = 80 – 82%

C+ = 77 – 79%

C = 73 – 76%

D- = 60 – 62%

E = less than 60%

***Make-up test policy:*** Make-up tests will be offered only in the case of legitimate conflicts well-documented in advance.

### ***Attendance, Homework and Class Participation***

- The weight of credit given to attendance, participation and homework reflects the special nature of foreign-language learning, which, like mastering a sport or musical instrument, depends first and foremost on consistency, persistence, and daily training. Class meetings will be highly interactive and demand active and meaningful use of new language models; for this reason, unlike many other courses, missed contact hours will be difficult if not impossible to make up.
- Class will begin promptly at 9:35 AM and end promptly at 10:25 AM. Please be on time and make sure cell phones remain turned off for the entire class.

### **Course Etiquette, Communication and Technology**

- Please be on time and refrain from gathering up materials until I indicate that class is over.
- Outside of class and office hours, feel free to reach me by email ([galdok@ufl.edu](mailto:galdok@ufl.edu)) with inquiries or issues that are not clarified in class meetings, the course syllabus, the online “Weekly Assignments” page, or posted handouts. If you do send email, practice your informal, but official, communication skills by including a proper form of address. If you abide by these simple rules of email etiquette, you can expect an answer within 1 working day.
- All phones must be turned off and left off during class meetings. Laptops may be used during class for course-related activities only.

### **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 me when requesting accommodation.

### **Academic Honesty**

All students must be familiar with and will be held accountable to the University's "Academic Honesty Guidelines." Please review these guidelines at: [www.generalcounsel.ufl.edu/Rules/Chapter%204/4017.pdf](http://www.generalcounsel.ufl.edu/Rules/Chapter%204/4017.pdf), and contact me with any questions or concerns.

### **Course Materials**

#### ***Required texts***

- *Russian Stage one: Live from Russia!* Second edition, Volume 2 (Kendall Hunt, 2008). ISBN: 978-0-7575-5201-4. (available through local textbook vendors) **Please note: The text includes textbook, workbook, DVD and CD. If you are buying used copies, make sure you have all components.**

- Supplementary Course Pack (available for purchase at Target Copy at 1412 W. University Ave.)

### **Overview of Course Schedule**

Unit 7: 9-10 days (January 11 – January 21). Test January 22

Unit 8: 9-10 days (January 25 – February 4). Test February 5

Unit 9: 9-10 days (February 8 -February 18). Test February 19

Unit 10: 9-10 days (February 22 – March 4) Test March 5

Unit 11: 9-10 days (March 8 – March 18) Test March 19

Unit 12: 9-10 days (March 22- April 2) Test April 5

Unit 13 9-10 days (April 6 – April 16)

Review April 19

Quizzes – April 20

Final oral exam: April 21

**The Final grammar exam TBA.**