Overview
This course is designed for students of advanced-level Russian who would like to improve their proficiency in all skills obtained during the first semester of 5th year course. The course will cover reading, writing, listening and speaking. It will focus primarily on syntax and stylistics as well as orthography. Students will work with authentic materials of different language styles. Throughout the course students will participate in class discussion, debates, and will make presentations related to topics of the course. They will also write a number of compositions. All these activities will help students to expand their vocabulary and review grammar. Also, the course will introduce the wide range of topics regarding life in contemporary Russia.

Textbook:

Additional materials:
Online resources and dictionaries
Newspaper articles
Additional materials will be distributed in class

Course policies and requirements
E-mail and Oncourse will be the official means of communication for the class.

Attendance. Students are required to attend classes regularly and to arrive prepared and on time. All students are expected to participate voluntarily in daily classroom activities. Participation grade will be based upon the following criteria: your preparation for the class, the use Russian in class, your willingness to actively participate, and your cooperation with your instructor and your peers.

Homework. Homework (written and/or oral) will be assigned for every class meeting. Do your homework each day and be prepared to turn it in.

Oral presentations and papers. During the first part of the semester students will make one oral presentation. During the second part of the semester students will write an essay. Also, there will be final exam.

Tests and Grading
The grade will be based on the following criteria:

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Grading scale
- 98+ A+ 88-89 B+ 78-79 C+ 68-69 D+
- 94-97 A 83-87 B 73-77 C 65-67 D
- 90-93 A- 80-82 B- 70-72 C- 0-64 F