

## R 401-402 Advanced Russian I-II

Class meetings: TBA

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### Course description

The Advanced Russian is designed to develop students' proficiency in all skills obtained during the 3rd year course. The course will cover reading, writing, listening and speaking. It will focus particularly on speaking and writing. In addition to these skills, students will master translation skills from Russian into English and vice versa. The primary textbook for the course is written by Tall and Vlasikova, which address a wide range of contemporary issues in Russian daily life. Throughout the course students will participate in class discussion, debates, and presentations related to the topics. They will also write a number of compositions and present them informally to the class. Through these activities students will be reviewing and utilize previously covered grammar. They also will be expanding their active vocabulary. Students will learn to develop an idea and support their points of view in paragraph-length discourse, in addition to developing their own style of self-expression.

### Required textbook:

E.Tall and V.Vlasikova. 1996. *Let's talk about life: An integrated approach to Russian conversation*

### Recommended:

- 1) Wade, Terence R., and Michael Holman. 2000. *A Comprehensive Russian Grammar*. Blackwell Publishers. Available at local bookstores. Has an accompanying workbook, see below.
- 2) *A Russian Grammar Workbook*. Wade, Terence. 1996. Blackwell Publishers. Accompanies Wade's *Comprehensive Grammar*.

Additional reading materials will be distributed in class

### Course requirements

**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.

***Exams and oral presentations.*** There will be four lesson tests and one oral presentation, based on themes, vocabulary, and grammar covered. Also, there will be final exam.

The grade will be based on the following criteria:

Class attendance and participation	20%
Home assignments	20%
Oral presentation	20%
Lesson tests	20%
Final exam	20%

***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-	60-64	F

**Detailed weekly lesson plans will be distributed in class every Monday.**