

R 501-502 Russian Syntax and Stylistics

Class meetings: TBA

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Course description

This course is designed for students of advanced-level Russian who would like to improve their proficiency in all skills obtained during the 4th 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.

The final grade will be based upon the following criteria: your preparation for the class, your willingness to actively participate, oral presentations, and written essays.

Textbook:

Rosengrant, S. (2007) *Russian in use: an interactive approach to advanced communicative competence*, Yale University Press

Additional materials:

Online resources

Online dictionaries

Newspaper articles

Additional 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.

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.

The grade will be based on the following criteria:

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| Class participation | 10% |
| Home assignments | 20% |
| Oral presentation | 10% |

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| Class discussion | 20% |
| Paper (essay) | 20% |
| Final exam | 20% |

Grading scale

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| 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 |