Overview
Welcome to second-year Russian! R201 is the third course in a four-part sequence (R101, R102, R201, R202) that fulfills the foreign language requirement in the general education curriculum. These courses teach the four basic language skills in Russian: speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Major cultural aspects of Russia are also incorporated throughout the instructional materials.

Course Objectives
After successfully completing this course students will be able to better engage in conversations, provide and obtain information, express feelings and emotions, exchange opinions; understand and interpret written and spoken language on an increasing number of topics; and to a limited extent present information, concepts, and ideas to an audience of listeners. Specifically, they will be able to:

* express approximate time and how long something will take, tell time, describe when something happened or will happen, write dates;
* give commands and invitations, make indirect requests and use the conditional, ask for suggestions or advice;
* get or give directions with a focus on the verbs of motion, describe where someone is going or is coming from;
* make comparisons;
* understand the cultural and grammatical implications in using specific expressions;
* talk about being sick and getting well, talk about the parts of the body and better understand Russian cultural norms concerning health and illness;
* create and use nominal adjectives, decline proper nouns and learn more about foreign numbers and surnames;
* describe future plans;
* and much, much more

Texts and Materials

**Required:**

workbook and CD set. Available at the IU Bookstore in the Union; package $61 ($45.75 used).

Rifkin, Benjamin. 1996. Грамматика в контексте: Russian Grammar in Literary Contexts. Mcgraw Hill.


*Not Required but Useful Dictionaries (one or the other):*

Wheeler, Marcus, Boris Unbegaun, and Paul Falla, eds. 2007. *The Oxford Russian Dictionary*. Oxford University Press. Available at local bookstores; retail $60 ($40.95 Amazon). [suggested for R201 and higher]

*Not Required but Useful Supplemental Grammars:*
Leed, Richard L., and Slava Paperno. 1987. *5000 Russian Words With All Their Inflected Forms: A Russian-English Dictionary*. Slavica. Available at IU Bookstore in the Union and at local bookstores; $22.95 ($17.20 used.). **This text is strongly recommended for the course.**


For links on how to Russify your computer, visit the Slavic Department's Resources page. **Russify your Mac or PC**

**For Mac:** In the System Preferences, select International, select Input menu, then check "Russian" or Russian-phonetic". You will then be able to toggle between the English and Russian keyboards with Control-Space. The keyboard is phonetic. For exact key assignments, open the Keyboard Viewer.

**For PC:** go to http://www.aatseel.org

Look for: "Download fonts and drivers". Click on "Windows Cyrillic", then "Keyboard drivers", then "AATSEEL Keyboard layout for Windows 95. Put together by David Powelstock"." Follow the directions in the accompanying readme file. Another set of instructions is available at:

http://www.auburn.edu/~mitrege/russian/cyrillic-setup/cyrillic.html#phonetic.

**Supplemental exercises and grammar to accompany Nachalo (George Mitrevski)**
http://www.auburn.edu/~mitrege/russian/exercises/lesson-index.html

**Course Policies**

*Attendance and Participation*

Attendance is required and will form a part of your final grade. As you know from your
previous Russian study, successful language learning is a cumulative process, which requires diligent preparation and active participation. For this reason, it is imperative that you continue to attend class faithfully. Each day that you are absent will not only seriously affect your participation grade, but will also affect your performance on tests, quizzes, and homework. By missing class or coming to class unprepared, you are less likely to learn the material, you will be unable to participate fully in that day's lesson, you will require increasingly more time to do your homework, will be unable to achieve your own language learning goals, and will deprive your classmates of opportunities to learn as well.

Class attendance and participation as well as diligence in completing homework assignments are the most important components in studying Russian and the final grade reflects this.

Excused absences include death in the family, military orders, religious holidays, or an excuse from your doctor. You should provide your instructor with a photocopy of any excuse for his/her records, and at that time you should show the original to your instructor as well. A list of religious holidays recognized by the university is available on the IU website (http://www.indiana.edu/~vpfaa/rel_hol_cal.shtml). A student should notify the instructor of an absence for a religious holiday at the beginning of the semester; notification of any absence should be made to the instructor as soon as possible.

Tardiness is not acceptable, since the very beginning of class is designed as a crucial part of warming up your Russian and of reviewing past material. No lateness is acceptable, but lateness of more than five minutes will result in a reduction in your attendance and participation grade; habitual lateness will carry more serious consequences.

**Homework**

Homework (written and/or oral) will be assigned for every class meeting. Put your homework on the instructor’s desk before class begins, otherwise it will be counted as late. Never do homework in class. Make every effort to keep up—it is much easier than trying to catch up! It is imperative to complete homework the day that it is assigned. If homework is submitted more than three days late, no credit will be given for it. **It is always in your best interest to complete the assignment and show it to your instructor so that she may note if there are any serious problems in it and help you fix those before they affect your overall understanding of the material.**

Students are strongly encouraged to make notecards and to read xi-xiv in the Workbook/Lab Manual of Grammatika v kontekste for pointers on strategies for their continued and successful study of Russian.
E-mail as Official Means of Class and University Communication

E-mail will be the official means of communication for the class. This is in accordance with the University's official policy:

"Official Indiana University e-mail accounts are available for all registered students. The University reserves the right to send official communications to you by e-mail with the full expectation that you will receive and read these e-mails in a timely fashion. As a student, you are expected to check your e-mail on a frequent and consistent basis in order to stay current with university-related communications. You should also avoid going over quota and missing important messages. NOTE: If you choose to have your e-mail forwarded from your official University e-mail address to another address, you do so at your own risk. The University is not responsible for any difficulties that may occur in the proper or timely transmission or access to e-mail forwarded to any other address, and any such problems will not absolve students of their responsibility to know and comply with the content of official communications sent to their official IU e-mail addresses."

You will be responsible for checking your e-mail on a very regular (preferably daily) basis in order to receive any updates about the class, assignments, and student-instructor meetings.

Personal Conduct

Plagiarism (representing the work of others as your own) will not be tolerated. While students are encouraged to form study partnerships, each individual student is responsible for his/her own work. Please see the section of this page concerning academic misconduct.

In order to promote Russian language learning, it is necessary to maximize your opportunities to speak and hear Russian. In the classroom, you are therefore expected to use (or attempt to use) Russian at all times.

In our courses, you will be asked to express personal opinions and to talk and write about yourself, your family, and friends. If you prefer, you do not need to discuss or reveal any personal information; instead you may provide fictitious information. When you are being creative, you are expected to keep in mind the general purpose of the activity by using relevant vocabulary and expressions.

Discussion of sensitive topics often leads to conflicts of views. It would be difficult to avoid all disagreement on topics about which individuals have strong opinions. As a class, we should come to an agreement about the limits for acceptable behavior. Here are a few ideas to get us started. In this class:

1. Everyone has a right to be addressed in a respectful manner.
2. Everyone has a right to be listened to without interruption.
3. Everyone has a right to feel safe.
4. No one has a right to threaten, harass, or demean others in the class.

Chewing gum or eating is not acceptable in the language classroom. Drinks are allowed, as long they do not interfere with your ability to speak Russian.
Please turn off all cell phones during class. If you must have it on for an emergency (e.g., sick family member), please tell your instructor before class and arrange to sit by the door that day.

From time to time, matters may come up that will require you to stop by your instructor's office. You are encouraged to visit your instructor during office hours. If you cannot meet during office hours, every attempt will be made to find a mutually convenient time, but the responsibility is ultimately yours. You should be prepared to find some time to meet with your instructor during normal business hours.

**Tests and Grading**

There will be weekly quizzes, the occasional pop quiz at your instructor's discretion, three chapter tests, and a final exam. Class participation, including attendance, and written homework also figure into your grade. Final grades are calculated this way:

Grading scale

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Calculating the Final Grade

There will be no test make-ups, except in the case of death in the family, military orders, or an excuse from your doctor showing that you are physically incapable of taking the exam. Observance of religious holidays is considered an excused absence (see Attendance above), but notification should be made to the instructor at the beginning of the semester. At the end of the semester your final percentage will determine your final grade, as follows:

- Attendance and participation 25%
- Homework 25%
- Lesson tests 25%
- Quizzes 10%
- Quizzes (quiz total equals one test grade)
- Written final with oral component 15%
  (written final Wed., Dec. 15, 10:30 am-12:30 pm in our classroom)

Disclaimer

All information in this syllabus, including course requirements and daily lesson plans, is subject to change and should not be considered a substitute for attending class or for any information that is provided to you by your instructor.
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