

RUSS 3040 Advanced Grammar/Composition

Spring Semester 2012
MWF 2:30-3:20 pm
Geology 405
3 credits

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Text: Modern Russian: An Advanced Grammar Course by Derek Offord.

Course objectives:

1. Review and practice basic Russian grammar.
2. Learn and practice several aspects of intermediate and advanced grammar.
3. Practice writing in Russian.
4. Increase your understanding of Russian literature and culture by giving you an opportunity to read original texts.
5. Expand your personal vocabulary.

Course description:

In this class you will continue learning Russian language with focusing on the development of functional competence in the four skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing), as well as the expansion of cultural knowledge. We will work with texts, documents, print media, dialogs, exercises, and other material spanning a broad range of topics and interests that will help you achieve higher levels of competence and confidence in the Russian language and culture. Special emphasis will be placed upon your writing abilities.

This course is built on your previous knowledge of the Russian language but it will repeat many basic grammatical rules. You will have an opportunity to work more intensively on developing a coherent, grammatically correct, and native sounding style of writing in the Russian language. For this purpose I have included essay assignments that will substitute our midterm and final examinations. In order to complete those assignments you will have to read original Russian texts. This will help you improve your reading and comprehensive skills.

Course requirements:

Students must complete all readings and written assignments in a timely manner. Make-up of each test/quiz can be taken. It is your responsibility to contact me ahead of time and set a new date for the to-be-missed test. There will be no make-up tests taken after April 25th! Please download a Russian keyboard on your computer. We will alternate written assignments between typing and handwriting.

Please note that not all assignments are of equal length! Look ahead and plan accordingly.

It is essential that students attend lectures on a regular basis. Attendance is taken each day in class. Attendance/participation constitutes part of your grade!

Grading curve:

100%-94% = A	76%-74% = C
93%-90% = A-	73%-70% = C-
89%- 87% = B+	69%-67% = D+
86% - 84% = B	66%- 64% = D
83%- 80 = B-	63%-60% =D-
79%-77% = C+	59%- 0%=F

Grading:

20% - classwork
 20% - homework
 35% - tests
 10% - attendance
 15% - final

Schedule (this schedule is tentative and subject to change)

Date	Lesson	Home assignment
January 9, Monday		
11, Wednesday		
13, Friday	Word quiz	
16, Monday	MLK day	
18, Wednesday		
20, Friday	Word quiz	
23, Monday		
25, Wednesday		
27, Friday	Word quiz	
30, Monday		
February 1, Wednesday		
3, Friday	Word quiz	
6, Monday		
8, Wednesday		
10, Friday	Word quiz	
13, Monday		
15, Wednesday		
17, Friday	Word quiz	
20, Monday	Presidents' day	
21, Tuesday	Monday class schedule	
22, Wednesday		

24, Friday	Word quiz	
27, Monday		
29, Wednesday		
March 2, Friday	Word quiz	
5, Monday	Midterm reading due	Midterm essay
7, Wednesday		
9, Friday	Midterm essay due	
12, Monday	Spring break	
14, Wednesday	Spring break	
16, Friday	Spring break	
19, Monday		
21, Wednesday		
23, Friday	Word quiz	
26, Monday		
28, Wednesday		
30, Friday	Word quiz	
April 2, Monday		
4, Wednesday		
6, Friday	Word quiz	
9, Monday		
11, Wednesday		
13, Friday	Word quiz	
16, Monday		
18, Wednesday		
20, Friday	Word quiz	
23, Monday		
25, Wednesday		
27, Friday	Last class. Reading due.	Final essay
May 2, Wednesday	1:30 final essay due	