



no previous training in the language. Some, however, may have taken a limited amount of Russian in secondary schools or elsewhere and intend to review grammatical concepts and acquire additional skills. RUSS 1020 (Russian First Year II), which will be taught spring semester, completes the series and prepares students for RUSS 2010 (Russian Second Year I).

In this course, you can expect to gain a limited amount of communicative competence in four language skills: speaking, listening, reading and writing – all within a context of Russian-speaking culture and civilization. Students will learn the Cyrillic alphabet, pronunciation, vocabulary, and grammatical concepts needed for basic conversation. The instruction consists of four classroom lectures a week, work in the language laboratory with tutors, and workbook assignments.

### Homework (Workbook) Requirements

#### 1. Oral drills requirements

Native speakers and/or advanced students of Russian will be available for tutoring and help with workbook oral drills at the lab. The tutor is to sign the bottom of **EACH PAGE** (not each assignment: that's too much unnecessary signing... if you have to end your session with a tutor before you complete a page, then have them sign right after the assignment you did last) in the Oral Drills section. The tutor also has to teach you how to dance one Russian dance which you are to perform in class. (Not really – just making sure you are still awake and reading).

You are encouraged to get help with pronunciation, grammar, conversation, etc from the tutors. If your schedule doesn't coincide with any of the tutors' schedules, you are welcome to get help from a different native speaker or an advanced Russian student (above RUSS 2020 level). Let me know if that is going to be the case.

If none of the above works out, please inform me so we could arrange for something else.

#### 2. Homework requirements and suggestions

Homework for each chapter is due the day of that chapter test. Late homework will be taken only in the case of "extenuating circumstances" (decided on case-to-case basis). Please exercise self-discipline and turn it in on time.

How to proceed with homework:

- 1). Do it and write your name on the front page. To get the most benefit out of doing homework, do it first without referencing the textbook. Then, when you are done, go back to the book and use it to help you make necessary corrections.
- 2). Bring it to class the day it's due.
- 3). In class, everyone will get someone else's homework to correct as well as the answer sheet.

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- 4). Take another student's homework home and correct it using the answer sheet, with a different color pen. With the same pen on the first page write: "Corrected by" and your name.
- 5). Bring it to class on the day indicated in the schedule part of the syllabus.

Correcting others' homework is a part of the learning process and needs to be taken seriously. Its quality will be a part of the overall evaluation of your homework.

Keep in mind that you are required to turn in **ONLY** the oral drills and the written exercises. The audio and video assignments are not mandatory. You are welcome to do them, as it will certainly be helpful with your Russian and I will be more than happy to answer any

questions you might have about them.

### Quiz/Test Details and Attendance Policy

For your quizzes you will be memorizing dialogs from the textbook (at home) and either

1. reciting them (with a partner or by yourself) or
  2. writing them down from memory
- on the day of the quiz (one dialog per quiz) in class. The way you do it (#1 or #2) is up to you. If you have serious problems memorizing (e.g.: you work hard and for a long time and still can't remember), let me know.

For your tests you will have a choice of several options, a list of which you will get.

Make-up of each quiz/test can be taken within one week of the original test/quiz! Making up for quizzes/tests after that week is possible only in case of "extenuating circumstances" (decided on case-to-case basis). There will be no make-up quizzes/tests after December 6<sup>th</sup>!

### Lecture Attendance Policy

It is essential that you attend lectures on a regular basis. Attendance is taken each day in class. Attendance/participation constitutes part of your grade! If for some reason it becomes necessary to miss class, please find out what you missed and study that material at home.

### Grading

Individual quizzes, tests, and homework assignments are corrected, but not graded. I keep a personal record of how well they are done. You are more than welcome to inquire about it. Each time you have a test (approximately every three weeks), you will get a record of what your overall grade for the class is at that point (of course, missed and poorly done assignments will affect your grade negatively).

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Your final grade is computed approximately as follows:

tests	-- 40%
quizzes	-- 15%
homework	-- 15%
(oral drills - 2%, everything else - 13 %)	
participation	-- 15%
final exam	-- 15%

A	93-100%	B	81-84%	C	70-73%	D	50-59%
A-	88-92%	B-	78-80%	C-	63-69%	F	0-49%
B+	85-87%	C+	74-77%	D+	60-62%		

This grading scale may be modified if necessary.

Incomplete Grade

Applying for an "I" grade is strongly discouraged; however, I will be sensitive to "extenuating circumstances" (see Incomplete Grade Documentation Form).