



write in Russian cursive. At the end of the course, students are expected to be able to express themselves orally and in writing at the elementary level.

### Learning materials

- Kudyma, A.S., Miller, F.J., & Kagan, O.E. (2015). *Beginner's Russian*. NY: Hippocrene Books.
- Alexandrova, N., & Watt, A. (2012). *Ипонучу: Russian Handwriting*. Russian Step by Step. You are going to work in *Ипонучу* independently and not during your class time if not asked otherwise by the Instructor. ***Ипонучу* are due Monday, October 23.**

### CANVAS

To succeed in this course, it is essential to check CANVAS regularly. All announcements, homework assignments, and learning materials used in class, such as videos, songs, Instructor's PPTs, etc. will be made available through CANVAS. You can also keep track of your academic progress and contact your Instructor when you have questions.

### Grading

The course grade will be computed on:

Attendance	15%
Class Participation	15%
Homework	25%
Tests & Quizzes	25%
Final Exam	20%

Final grades will be assigned according to the following scale:

above 94% = A, 90-93.99% = A-, 86-89.99% = B+, 83-85.99% = B, 80-82.99% = B-, 76-79.99% = C+, 73-75.99% = C, 70-72.99% = C-, 60-69.99% = D, and below 60% = F.

Up to **two extra credit opportunities** worth 15 points each will be announced during the semester. To earn some extra credits, you will be offered to make your own vocabulary flash cards using the website **quizlet.com**. If you do not have an account on quizlet.com, please create it when classes start. For the chapters in your textbook, you will be asked to create a vocabulary list containing **at least 30 new words and/or expressions**. Please, pay attention to the correct spelling and translation! After you have done your vocabulary list, send the link to the quizlet page to your instructor. The points that you will earn for this task will be added to your results on the tests.

### Attendance

Attendance is mandatory. In case, for any reason, you will not be able to come to class, please email me beforehand. You are allowed to miss 3 classes without penalty. Starting from the 4<sup>th</sup> missed class, you will have to provide me with documentation regarding the reason of your absence. If the absence is considered excusable, there will be no adverse consequences for your final grade. If the absence is considered inexcusable, the attendance part of your final grade will go down accordingly.

! Please remember that coming late to class distracts both your fellow classmates and your instructor. Be respectful and manage your time properly.

### Class Participation

Consistent, active class participation, signaling engagement and involvement, is expected of each student each class period. Apart from good attendance, participation in this class means (a) coming prepared/having any homework done; (b) participating in classroom activities collaboratively, (c) offering help and/or asking/answering questions about the material in our pair and group practices, and (d) maintaining a positive and supportive attitude towards your classmates and instructor.

The Participation grade will be awarded twice during the semester: before Test #2 and before the Final Exam. The **In-class Participation grade rubric** is available on Canvas.

! Devote your full attention to class. Do not pull out your cell phone for any reason during class except for using an online dictionary, if necessary. No Facebook, chats, e-mails, etc.

### Homework

Homework will be assigned regularly after each class. Not all tasks are going to be graded or checked in class, yet it is your responsibility as a student to do it diligently. The announcements regarding the tasks to be graded will be made both in class and through Canvas.

**Doing homework diligently and in due time is important for the successful development of your new language system. Late homework policy: each late submission will earn you **only 50%** of the initial number of points.**

### **Tests**

There will be a test at the end of each 3-4 weeks-period of instruction. You will be notified in advance and provided with the Can-Do Statements work sheet designed specifically for the upcoming test to help you get prepared.

### **Final Exam**

As a final exam, you will write a test that will cover all topics we are going to have during the semester.

! To succeed in written examinations, you are expected to write/spell correctly everything you can already say orally in Russian. You are prohibited to use any digital or paper materials during tests. Please also note that using online translators to convert your English writing into Russian is a) easily recognizable due to its, as a rule, poor quality, and b) is not going to help you improve your language skills. When you have to write a composition as part of your homework, use your textbook and online dictionaries, but not a translation software.

### **USU Students with Disabilities Policy**

“Reasonable accommodations will be provided for all persons with disabilities in order to ensure equal participation within the program. If a student has a disability that will likely require some accommodations by the instructor, the student must contact the instructor and document the disability through the Disability Resource Center (797-2444), preferably during the first week of the course. Any request for special consideration relating to attendance, pedagogy, taking of examinations, etc., must be discussed with and approved by the instructor. In cooperation with the Disability Resource Center, course materials can be provided in alternative format, large print, audio, diskette, or Braille.”

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