Course Syllabus

Russian 1020

Spring 2015  (M T W R – 8:30 – 9:20)

Office Hours (T R - 9:30 - 11:30) RBW 307

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Course description

This course constitutes a comprehensive program for elementary Russian at the university level. The materials of this course are intended for students with no prior knowledge of Russian to achieve the novice-high proficiency level in speaking, listening, and reading. The course provides a strong basis for sequencing to the intermediate and upper intermediate courses.

Fundamental grammatical notions and basic skills will be taught. The students will learn to write Russian and to make and understand simple conversations about their families interests and daily lives, as well as about the geography and culture of the Russians.

The textbook “Live from Russia!” consists DVD an CD drills. The dedicated website for Stage One/Live  http://livefromrussia.org/ provides a rich array of supplementary and reference materials for users of the new text.

Textbooks

Required: Maria D. Lekic, Dan E. Davidson, Kira S. Gor “Live from Russia!” (2nd edition, 2013)

Recommended:

1) Kenneth Katzner “English-Russian, Russian-English Dictionary” (Revised and Expanded Ed. 1994)


3) Thomas R.Beyer,Jr ”501 Russian Verbs” (Barron's Educational Series; 3 edition (Nov. 1, 2007)
**Grades**

The course grade will be computed on

- **Quizzes** 20%
- **Homework** 20%
- **Tests** 30%
- **Final Test** 30%

**Tests**

There will be a test at the conclusion of each unit from the textbook. These tests will be posted on Canvas and taken on-line at your convenience.

**Quizzes**

There will be a short quiz in class every Thursday. Be prepared with a pencil or pen and arrive on time.

**Reading**

The class will follow the chapters in the textbook. Each “Day” in the textbook will correspondence to one day of class.

**Homework**

Homework will be regularly assigned. It is due in the class at the beginning of the next class period.

**Disabilities**

Students with ADA-documented impairments may be eligible for reasonable accommodations. Veterans may also be eligible for services. Accommodations are coordinated through DRC in Room 101 of the University Inn, 7-2444 voice, 7-0740 TTY, or toll free at 1-800-259-2966. Please contact DRC as early as possible. Alternate format materials (Braille, large print or digital) are available with advance notice.

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