

RUSS 3050 Advanced Grammar/Composition

Spring Semester 2017
MWF 3:30 – 4:20
MAIN 203
3 credits

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Course Fees: The \$24.00 course fee you have paid is used to staff and maintain the Language Lab (MAIN 004).

Required course materials:

- Modern Russian: An Advanced Grammar Course by Derek Offord.
- Writing Journal (a notebook devoted to just this class)

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. Special emphasis will be placed upon your writing abilities. We will work with texts, print media, poems, exercises, video- 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.

Academic integrity:

All work for this class should reflect YOUR work or that of you and the members of your study group. Please see the official USU Student Code for definitions and sanctions regarding academic dishonesty: <http://catalog.usu.edu/content.php?catoid=3&navoid=265>

Course requirements:

Students must complete all readings and written assignments in a timely manner. Make-up of each test 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 28! 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.

DO NOT MISS LESSONS!!!

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! Only three missed lessons would not affect your grade, after three missed lesson every missed lesson will take away points from your grade!

BE IN CLASS ON TIME!!! Coming to class late regularly will be counted as a missed lesson and will lower your grade!

Grading:

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

A 93-100%
 A- 88-92%
 B+ 85-87%

B 81-84%
 B- 78-80%
 C+ 74-77%

C 70-73%
 C- 63-69%
 D+ 60-62%

D 50-59%
 F 0-49%

Schedule (this schedule is tentative and subject to change)

Day	Lesson	Homework
January 9, Monday	Getting acquainted, introducing course organization.	
11, Wednesday		
13, Friday	Fairy tale “Три поросёнка”	Essay due
16, Monday	No class – Martin Luther King Day	
18, Wednesday	Nouns with plural form only	
20, Friday	Word quiz 1/ Работа над ошибками 1	Learn vocabulary / Essay due
23, Monday	Nouns with irregular plural forms	Lessons 3, 4 Exercise (Lesson 3)
25, Wednesday		Lesson 5 Exercise B (Lesson 5)
27, Friday	Word quiz 2 / Работа над ошибками 2	Learn vocabulary / Essay due
30, Monday	Test 1 / Irregularities in the Genitive plural of nouns	
February 1, Wednesday	Poems about winter	
3, Friday	Discussion	
6, Monday	The Prepositional or Locative Case	Exercise B (Lesson 6)
8, Wednesday	Work with text	Plan
10, Friday	Word quiz 3 / Работа над ошибками 3	Learn vocabulary / Essay due
13, Monday	Use of the Accusative Case	Exercise B (Lesson 15)
15, Wednesday	Summary	Introduction
17, Friday	Word quiz 4 / Работа над ошибками 4	Learn vocabulary / Essay due
20, Monday	No class – Presidents’ Day	
21, Tuesday	Use of the Genitive Case	Lessons 16, 17, 18 Exercise A (Lesson 16)
22, Wednesday	Dictation	Text
24, Friday	Word quiz 5/ Работа над ошибками 5	Learn vocabulary / Essay due
27, Monday	Test 2 / Use of the Dative Case	
March 1, Wednesday	Fairy tale “Мальчик с пальчик”	Lessons 19 and 20 Exercise A (Lesson 19)
3, Friday	Работа над ошибками 6	Essay due
6, Monday	Spring break	
8, Wednesday	Spring break	

10, Friday	Spring break	
13, Monday	Use of the Instrumental Case	Lessons 23, 24, and 25 Exercise A (Lesson 23)
15, Wednesday		
17, Friday	Word quiz 6	Learn vocabulary / Essay due
20, Monday	Long adjectives	Lesson 26, 27 Exercises A (Lesson 26)
22, Wednesday	Translation from English into Russian	
24, Friday	Word quiz 7/ Работа над ошибками 7	Learn vocabulary / Essay due
27, Monday	Short adjectives	Lesson 28 Exercise A
29, Wednesday	Class work “Лыжная прогулка”	
31, Friday	Test 3 / Работа над ошибками 8	
April 3, Monday	Long comparative adjectives	Lesson 30 Exercise B (Lesson 30)
5, Wednesday	Preparation for final essay	Plan and Introduction
7, Friday	Word quiz 8 / Poems about spring	Learn vocabulary / Essay due
10, Monday	Short comparative adjectives	Lesson 31 Exercise A (Lesson 31)
12, Wednesday	Preparation for final essay	Text
14, Friday	Word quiz 9 / Работа над ошибками 9	Learn vocabulary
17, Monday	Superlative adjectives	Lesson 32 Exercise A (Lesson 32)
19, Wednesday	Work with final essay	Conclusion
21, Friday	Word quiz 10	Learn vocabulary
24, Monday		Lesson 33 Exercise A (Lesson 33)
26, Wednesday	Work with final essay	Draft of Final Essay
28, Friday	Summing-up and farewell	Final Essay due