

Family, My Hobbies and Interests, and others. 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.

To access online textbook listening and other tasks follow the link:

<http://www.russian.ucla.edu/beginnersrussian/student/home.htm>

- Quizlet.com. In this course, we are going to use quizlet.com website. This is an online resource to help you learn vocabulary. If you do not have an account on quizlet.com, please, create it when classes start. For each chapter of your textbook, you will be asked to create a vocabulary list containing at least 20 new words and/or expressions. The information about the due dates for quizlet word lists will be provided to you on CANVAS during the semester.

CANVAS

To succeed in this course it is essential to check CANVAS regularly. All announcements, homework assignments to be graded, 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:

Class Attendance and Participation	30%
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.

! Please note that I am not inclined to provide extra credit opportunities in my course. Be an industrious student, take responsibility for your learning, and start earning your grade from the very beginning of the semester.

Attendance

Good attendance and active participation in class activities are vital for your success in learning. 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 4th 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, your final grade will be lowered by a grade: for example, if your final grade is A-, it will be lowered to B+.

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

Homework

Homework will be assigned regularly. Not all homework is going to be graded or checked in class, yet it is your responsibility as a student to do it diligently. If you start neglecting doing your homework, you will fall behind quickly in understanding the course materials and developing your new language system.

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.

! 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 the test. Please, also note that using online translators to convert your English writing into Russian is a) easily recognizable due to its 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.

Final Exam

The final exam will consist of a 10-minute oral conversation with the instructor. You may be asked to deliver a 3 to 5 minutes speech and then answer additional questions. The list of questions and other guidelines will be provided for you in advance.

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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