

RUSS 3040 Advanced Russian Grammar and Composition

Fall Semester 2016
TR 3:00 – 4:15 pm
Old Main 207
3 credits

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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, dialogs, 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.

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 December 8! 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.

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! You are allowed to miss three class periods without penalty. After that you lose 3 points for each missed class!

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>

For example, it is unacceptable to write any assignment in English and translate it into Russian by any electronic device or by any native speaker. Also, it is plagiarism when somebody else writes an assignment for you!

The \$24:00 course fee you have paid is used to staff and maintain the Language Lab (MAIN 004), provide language specific materials, and to pay teaching tutors who assist instructors in the classroom and lab.

Grading:

20% - classwork

20% - homework

35% - tests

10% - attendance/participation

15% - final

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%

Schedule (this schedule is tentative and subject to change)

| Day | Lesson | Homework |
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| August 30, Tuesday | Getting acquainted, introducing course organization. | |
| September 1, Thursday | | |
| 6, Tuesday | Verbs | Essay due |
| 8, Thursday | Word quiz 1 | Learn vocabulary |
| 13, Tuesday | Verbs | Lessons 8, 9 Exercises (Lesson 8, 9) |
| 15, Thursday | Работа над ошибками 1 / Word quiz 2 | Learn vocabulary |
| 20, Tuesday | Verbs | Lessons 10, 11 Exercises (Lesson 10, 11) |
| 22, Thursday | Работа над ошибками 2 / Word quiz 3 | Learn vocabulary / Essay due / Comment |
| 27, Tuesday | Formation of the past tense / Discussion | Lesson 12 Exercise (Lesson 12) |
| 29, Thursday | Test 1 | |
| October 4, Tuesday | Reflexive verbs | Lesson 13 Exercise A (Lesson 13) |
| 6, Thursday | Работа над ошибками 3 / Word quiz 4 | Learn vocabulary / Essay due |
| 11, Tuesday | Изложение | Lesson 14 Exercise B (Lesson 14) |
| 13, Thursday | Работа над ошибками 4 / Word quiz 5 | Learn vocabulary / Fairy tale |
| 18, Tuesday | Cardinal numerals / Fairy tale "Красная Шапочка" | Essay due |
| 20, Thursday | No class | |
| 25, Tuesday | Cardinal numerals | Lessons 37 Exercise A (Lesson 37) |
| 27, Thursday | Test 2 | |
| November 1, Tuesday | Ordinal numbers; time and dates | Lessons 38, 39 Exercise B (Lesson 38) |

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| 3, Thursday | Word quiz 6 / Work with Final Essay | Learn vocabulary / Essay due |
| 8, Tuesday | Miscellaneous points concerning numerals Fairy tale “Три медведя” | Lesson 40 Exercises A, B, and D (Lesson 40) |
| 10, Thursday | Работа над ошибками 5 / Word quiz 7 Work with Final Essay | Learn vocabulary / Essay due / Plan and introduction |
| 15, Tuesday | Age, distance, measurement and computation / Model Parents | Lessons 41 Exercise B (Lesson 41) |
| 17, Thursday | Word quiz 8 / Work with Final Essay Работа над ошибками 6 | Learn vocabulary / Text |
| 22, Tuesday | Formation and use of the imperative | Lesson 42 Exercise A (Lesson 42) |
| 24, Thursday | Thanksgiving break | |
| 29, Tuesday | Test 3 / Verbs of motion / Listening comprehension | |
| December 1, Thursday | Work with Final Essay | Conclusion |
| 6, Tuesday | Work with Final Essay | Lessons 43 Exercise B (Lesson 43) |
| 8, Thursday | Summing-up and farewell | Final Essay due |