

Русский язык
RUSS 301
Advanced Russian
FALL 2009 UAF

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Prerequisites: COMM F131X or F141X; ENGL F111X; ENGL F211 or F213X; RUSS F202; or instructor permission.

Required Material

- *Nachalo When in Russia...* Book 2. Ervin, Lubensky, Jarvis. 2002, 2nd edition.
- *Ogonëk* (online access at www.ogoniok.com).

Objectives and Requirements

Language is the embodiment of culture and an expression of a people's way of thinking and viewing the world. This course will help students gain increasing comprehension of written and aural material and enhance understanding of the Russian people and culture through discussions, essays, translations, and special grammatical problems. This course meets the requirements on the Core Perspectives on the Human Condition language component or Humanities degree requirement, and Core Upper Division writing intensive requirement.

This is an **advanced language** course designated as Writing-Intensive (W) and Oral-Intensive (O), designed for Russian and Foreign Languages majors and those wishing to improve their written and oral skills in Russian. The W and O designation means that students are expected to do a good deal of graded written

and oral work. Students are required to attend all classes and turn in all written assignments in a timely manner. There will be two oral presentations (minimum of five minutes each) with a Question & Answer period afterward. Students will be given feedback and evaluation for all presentations.

We will cover Chapters 13–15 (Epilogue) of the textbook, and there will be reading assignments from *Ogonëk* which you can access online. The textbook will be supplemented by handouts and other multimedia materials.

Format

The effectiveness of this course relies on student participation which includes keeping dairies, writing summaries, doing grammar exercises, and weekly oral presentations. You will complete an ungraded writing sample early on in the course, to help the professor assess writing ability and general competence. You will receive comments and feedback on your writing. There will be several short graded written assignments, covering material from the textbook and other topics. Over the course of the semester, students will write a term paper on a topic in Russian culture or history, chosen in consultation with the professor. This project will be supervised in stages, and students will meet individually with the instructor at least once during the semester to discuss their progress.

This course is the first of the two Advanced Russian language courses offered at UAF, and **presupposes a certain level of vocabulary and grammar skills on part of the students**, that they are expected to have acquired prior to enrolling for this high-level course. By its very nature, language is like a building block that can only build upon the material that has already been learned. Unlike some other disciplines, where once you have passed one course, one test, you do not have to remember the

previous material, the study of languages is different. A significant amount of retention of past material and basic vocabulary is a must for succeeding in this course. Student knowledge of vocabulary relating to, but not limited to, household items, verbs of day to day activity, 10 major countries of the world, geographic names (river, hill, etc.), 10 colors, common fruits and vegetables, and animals will be expected. The tests, while covering the material (vocabulary and grammar) under current review will not be limited to it. Tests and quizzes will reflect a fair amount (up to 10%) of grammar and vocabulary not from the chapter under review.

Evaluation and Grading policy

Attendance, participation		10%
Homework	10%	
Quizzes (chapter & vocabulary)		25%
Oral presentations	10% (5% each)	
Written assignments	10%	
Term paper/final presentation	10%	
Final (written & oral)		25%

Students are not graded on a curve.

NB This course will use plus-minus grading.

Grading scale

A+ 97-100	B+ 87-89	C+ 77-79	D+ 67-69	F 0-60
A 93-96	B 83-86	C 73-76	D 63-66	
A- 90-92	B- 80-82	C- 70-72	D- 60-62	

Support Services

If you have problems or concerns see me as soon as possible. You must bring your textbook, homework, and quizzes when you come to

see me in my office. I will do my best to help you out. Students are also encouraged to take advantage of the language lab (608 Grue) and work in groups outside of the classroom. The language lab is equipped with a computer with Russian fonts, dictionaries, and other study materials. The instructor will work with the Office of Disabilities Services (203 WHIT, 474-7043) to provide reasonable accommodation to students with disabilities.

Please keep a respectful attitude in class. As the professor shows respect to the students, the students are expected to return that courtesy.

No food, drink, cell phones and beepers are allowed in the classroom.

Hopefully we will make a good deal of progress in Russian and have fun as well in this class!

Tentative Schedule

Week

1 (09/04)	Introduction; writing sample
2 (09/07)	Chapter 13
3 (09/14) Sept. 18]	Chapter 13 (Quiz) [Last day to drop class:

4 (09/21)	Chapter 13
5 (09/28)	Chapter 13 (Chapter quiz)
6 (10/05)	Chapter 14 (<u>Written draft due Wed. for Presentation #1</u>)
7 (10/12)	Chapter 14 (Quiz)
8 (10/19)	Chapter 14 (Presentation on Friday)
9 (10/26)	Chapter 14 (Chapter quiz) [Last day to withdraw from class: Oct. 30]
10 (11/02)	Epilogue (Written draft due Wed. for Presentation #2)
11 (11/09)	Epilogue (Quiz)
12 (11/16)	(Presentation on Friday)
13 (11/23)	Supplemental material [Draft of term paper due Wed.]
14 (11/30)	Supplemental material. Review
15 (12/07)	Review Term paper/presentation due Friday, Dec. 11
	FINAL EXAM: Friday, Dec. 18th.