



CIEE St. Petersburg

Course name:	Beginning Russian II
Course number:	RUSI 1012 RLPU
Programs offering course:	Summer Russian Language
Language of instruction:	Russian
U.S. semester credits:	6
Contact hours:	90
Term:	Summer 2019

Course Description

This course is intended for students who took at least one semester of Russian at a university level. It further develops students' skills of listening, reading, speaking and writing, while employing real-life everyday situations. The course continues the themed approach to introducing grammar and vocabulary suggested in Elementary Russian I and offers such genres as emailing, texting, and blogging. While a dialogue serves as a dominant form for practicing Russian, the students learn how to ask and answer questions, as well as familiarize themselves with the form of narration and description. In addition, the course introduces initial means of expressing one's own opinion.

Learning Objectives

In this course the learners will begin functioning in some informal settings and a number of transactional situations. By the end of the course, students will be able to handle routine situations and to communicate minimally in familiar situations at their homestays and in the streets of St. Petersburg. The learners will be able to express themselves with enough precision and accuracy to deliver a message to a native speaker and in limited words express their opinions on some topics. The course will prepare the students up to the level of low to mid Intermediate according to ACTFL rating scale.

Course Prerequisites

Beginning Russian Conversation I

Methods of Instruction

The instruction will employ communicative methods. Students will continue practicing Russian under their instructor's direct supervision and on their own as they will be using the interactive web site in accord with their daily schedules. Permanent error correction and progress check will be exercised. Pronunciation correction and intonation will constitute part of listening comprehension skills and will be done on an everyday basis. Class meets four times a week for four-hour sessions. Quizzes will be given at the end of each chapter, and the final test will conclude the fourth week of the course.

Assessment and Final Grade



Students will be assessed according to the following criteria:

In-class participation	25%
Homework	30%
Quizzes	30%
Final exam	25%

Total: 100%

Course Requirements

Active participation is one of the keys to successful learning. Bodily presence does not constitute active participation. Participation will be graded based on your effort to use Russian, your daily preparation for class, completion of all home assignments and the quality and quantity of your inputs in class discussions and group activities.

Quizzes

Every week you will have a 15 minute quiz that will consist of the grammar topics and vocabulary covered during a week, in total 6 quizzes. In addition to that during the course, there will be Final 1.5 hour exam that will include grammar and oral parts. In the oral part, you will be expected to produce a 1-2 minute monologue on a topic studied during the course and be able to respond to the instructor's questions on that topic.

Class Attendance

Attendance is crucial for successful completion of the class. Students are allowed to have two unexcused absences for each course for the whole program. These allowed unexcused absences should be used for situations such as minor illnesses without a doctor's note or personal situations that prevent the student from attending the class.

Unexcused absences beyond the limit of two will lower a student's grade by 2 points on the 100-point scale each. For example, if your overall score in the class is 90 (an equivalent of A-) and you have had three unexcused absences, your final score will be 88 (B+).

Weekly Schedule

Week	Topic
1	Introductions Describing what you look like: appearances Giving information about other people's appearance Expressing likes and dislikes Ex. 13-8, p. 175; ex.13-14, 13-15, p. 179 Dative singular forms for nouns Ex. 13-5, 13-6, p. 174 Dative singular for adjectives, possessives, and demonstrative <i>Этом</i>

	<p>❖ Quiz 1</p>
2	<p>Expressing agreement and disagreement Expression of possibility, prohibition and necessity: <i>Можно, Нужно, Нельзя</i> Ex. 14-10, p. 188; ex. 14-15, p. 191 Adverbs Impersonal constructions Ex. 14-5, Ex. 14-6, p. 186; ex. 14-7, p. 187</p> <p><i>Хочу</i> (I want)+ Genitive case Ex. 14-24, p. 194</p> <p>❖ Quiz 2</p>
3	<p>Talking to a doctor; Symptoms of illness ex. 15-23, p. 207</p> <p>Where are you coming from? Ex. 15-10, p. 200; Ex. 15-11, p. 201;</p> <p><i>Можно, Нужно, Нельзя</i> (continued) Preposition <i>К</i> Verbs of motion and prefixes <i>По-/При-</i></p> <p>New vocabulary Ex. 15-3, p. 197 Ex. 15-7, p. 199; Ex. 15-15, p. 204</p> <p>Cases when pronunciation differs from the spelling</p> <p>Review of chapters 13-15</p> <p>❖ Quiz 3</p>
4	<p>Talking about everyday routines Telling the time Going out Ex. 16-13, p. 216</p> <p><i>Где? Куда? Откуда?</i> with inanimate nouns Ex. 16-7, p. 213</p> <p><i>Где? Куда? Откуда?</i> with animate nouns Ex. 16-15 (2), p. 217</p>

	<p>Prepositions <i>До, После</i> Intonation in declarative sentences ❖ Quiz 4</p>
5	<p>Asking about free time and interests</p> <p>Где? Куда? Откуда? with animate and inanimate nouns (continued) Verbs ending in -овать/-евать Uses of instrumental case</p> <p>The possessive modifier <i>Свой</i> Instrumental for pronouns, adjectives and possessives Ex. 17-11, p. 230; ex. 17-17, p. 234</p> <p>Intonation of questions with interrogatives Ex. 17-4, p. 226</p> <p>❖ Quiz 5</p>
6	<p>Giving advice Talking about your hometown Ex. 18-11, p. 244; ex. 18-17, p. 247</p> <p>Instrumental case endings Genitive plural forms for masculine nouns Genitive with numerals Genitive plural for adjectives, possessives and the demonstrative <i>Этом</i></p> <p>Intonation: Questions without interrogatives Ex. 18-4, p. 241</p> <p>Review of chapters 16-18 ❖ Quiz 6</p>
7	<p>Giving directions Ex. 19-12, p. 261 Using the subway Ex. 19-16, p. 263; ex. 19-25, p. 267</p> <p>New vocabulary Ex. 19-3, p. 255</p> <p>Genitive plural endings for feminine and neuter nouns Accusative case plural forms for animate nouns and their modifiers</p> <p>Intonation: Questions without interrogatives – continued</p>



	Ex. 19-2, p. 254 ❖ Quiz 7
8	Absence or lack of something Talking about the weather; Seasons Talking about packing and travelling; Clothes Exam review Final Exam (oral and written test)

Course Materials

Textbook:

Kudyma, A., Miller, F., Kagan O. (2013). *Beginner's Russian with interactive online workbook: A basic Russian course*. New York: Hippocrene Books.

Additional handouts and materials developed by instructor will be distributed.

On-line resources:

<http://www.russian.ucla.edu/beginnersrussian>