



CIEE St. Petersburg, Russia

Course name:	Russian Conversation Intermediate I
Course number:	RUSI 2032 RLPU
Programs offering course:	Summer Russian Language
Language of instruction:	Russian
U.S. semester credits:	3
Contact hours:	45
Term:	Spring 2019

Course Description

This course focuses on developing intermediate spoken and grammar language skills. It involves conversation topics on spheres of cultural and social significance in Russian life, speaking, listening comprehension and reading skills. The course concludes a lot of oral communicative and conventional-communicative exercises. The students learn how to express one's opinion, attitude, hesitation, agreement and other intention in Russian and to take part in discussions.

Learning Objectives

Students will learn to use lexical units in speech and improve conversational structures such as initiating and maintaining predictable conversations on familiar topics. Students will participate in discussions in Russian, and support their point of view. At the completion of this course, students will expand their vocabulary and produce more complex sentences connected in paragraphs and discourses.

Course Prerequisites

This course is intended for beginner to up-intermediate Russian language students. Student placement is contingent upon a written and an oral test administered at the beginning of the program, as well as a mandatory ACTFL oral proficiency interview.

Methods of Instruction

Classes are mainly in the form of discussions concentrated on a specific theme. The communicative nature of this course will allow for the integration of all skills: speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Pair and group work will be highly encouraged. A task-based approach will be used to engage students in various forms of verbal collaboration. Vocabulary games and exercises will be part of the instruction. Role-plays will constitute an essential part of improving speaking. Survival role-plays and situations with complication scenarios will be assigned regularly.

Assessment and Final Grade



Students will be assessed according to the following criteria:

Class participation	20 %
Homework	20%
Quizzes	30 %
Exam	30 %
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TOTAL:	100%

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. Allowed unexcused absences should not be used in a planned way for travel or other activities.

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	Acquaintance. Откуда вы? (страна, город, университет) How to tell about yourself. Hobby, interests. Family, family members. One's biography Vocabulary. How to introduce yourself, express your opinion Text: «Открытие» by Chekhov
2	My city. Orientation in the city. Public transportation in different countries. Town or city (discussion) Vocabulary. Intentions: How to ask and clarify directions, how to ask one more. Texts from magazine. Lexical exercises. Dialogues.
Quiz 1	My native city.
3	Education in Russia. Compare Russian and US systems. Use of the verbs: <i>учить/ научить; учить/ выучить; учиться/ научиться; изучать/ изучить; заниматься.</i> Text: О языке. Reading: story by V. Shukshin "Exam". How to agree/disagree with the opinion of your classmate, how to ask the opinion of your classmate. My university (story)

<p>4</p> <p>Quiz 2</p>	<p>Man and his character. National character. How to describe a person. Thematic vocabulary (appearance of a person: face, figure, typical appearance). Dialogues on the topic («How will I know you?»: description of the appearance of a person) How to express a surprise.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Holidays, traditions, culture. Telephone conversation. Reading: Russian folk tale. How to invite, congratulate, appreciate, how to agree or refuse to do something, how to give advice or warn, how to give a good grade or praise someone Thematic vocabulary</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Quiz 3</p>	<p>My hobby. Verb –vlek with prefixes. Theater visit. Music in one’s life. Trips and travels. People and countries. Where would you like to go? How to express your wish. How to buy tickets. Thematic vocabulary</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Sport and health. How to persuade, reject, express hesitation. Thematic vocabulary</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Final Exam</p>	<p>Russia (nature climate, geography, history, people) Text: The Urals Russian Proverbs. How to advice, recommend. Thematic vocabulary. Some words about one’s country</p>

Course materials

Antonova V, Nahibina M., Safonova M./ Tolstyh A. Doroga v Rossiju. (intermediate level). Spb: Zlatoust. 2009.

Chernyshov S. Russian for adults with audio course.Zlatoust. Spb. 2009.

Nadezhdina O. New Russia. 127 dialogues and the most important verbs in Russian – M. 2013
 Handouts developed by the instructor.