



## CIEE Saint Petersburg, Russia

**Course name:** Russian Phonetics Advanced I  
**Course number:** RUSI 3021 RLPU  
**Programs offering course:** Summer Russian Language  
**Language of Instruction:** Russian  
**U.S. Semester Credits** 1  
**Contact Hours:** 15 U.S. 50-minute contact hours / 18 Russian 45-minute contact hours  
**Term:** Summer 2019

### Course Description

This course is a systematic exploration and analysis of the Russian language phenomena that create difficulties in pronunciation for foreigners. It includes:

1. Acquisition of intonation patterns in samples of live Russian speech.
2. Developing listening comprehension skills through offering adapted and unadapted news featuring contemporary topics of Russian economic and cultural life, nature, mass media, and other themes.

### Learning Objectives

The objectives of this course are for students to:

- analyze and practice pronouncing the difficult sounds in Russian language in order to avoid the typical mistakes that foreign students usually make;
- master main types of Russian international constructions in dialogs;
- developing listening comprehension skills by listening to adapted and unadapted materials (dialogs, extracts from the TV shows, movies, news).

### Course Prerequisites

By the beginning of the program, students should speak Russian at the basic level

### Assessment and Grading

#### **Class Attendance**

Attendance is an important part of the final grade. Three instances of tardiness will be equated to a one-hour absence. Two unexcused absences are allowed throughout the program. Any additional undocumented absences will result in a notification from CIEE staff and a lower grade. It is the student's responsibility to complete and submit all missed assignments and tests.

Students' progress is evaluated through achievement exams. It is imperative that all students actively participate in the discussion sessions and do their homework.

The final grade is composed of:

Class Participation	25%
Homework	25%
Quizzes, tests	25%
Midterm and Final Exam	25%
Total	100%

## Weekly Schedule

1	<p>The sounds /w/, /ы/. Vowels reduction.  Basics of Russian intonations. IC-1 (a fact). IC-2 (a question with a question word).  Listening comprehension topics: “Hobbies” Vowels reduction. IC-2 (command, address, emphasize). IC-3 (a question with a question word) Listening comprehension topics: “Free time”.</p>
2	<p>Soft and hard consonants. The soft sign and the hard sign.  IC-3 (enumeration, before “or”)  Listening comprehension topic: “The weather”  <b>Quiz #1</b></p>
3	<p>The sound /p/.  The voiced and unvoiced consonants. Voiced pronounced unvoiced in words final position.  IC-3 (echo-question, request). IC-2 (command) vs. IC-3 (request).  Listening comprehension topic: “Transportation” (part 1).</p>
4	<p>Regressive assimilation for voicing.  The sounds /r/, /κ/, /x/.  IC-2 and IC-4 in etiquette phrases.  Listening comprehension: “Property market in Russia”  <b>Quiz #2</b></p>
5	<p>Sounds /л/, /ль/.  Consonant clusters.  IC-4 in in syntagmatic segmentation.  The sounds /ч/ and /ц/.  Listening comprehension: “Health”</p>
6	<p>Intonational constructions review.  IC-5 (expressing a high degree of a qualitative characteristic; surprise.) IC-5 (an exclamation) vs. IC-2 (a question).  Listening comprehension topics: “Family”, “Young peoples’ life”; “The cultural life of Russia”.</p>
7	<p>IC-5 (a dream, displeasure)  <b>Quiz # 3</b>  IC-6 (expressing a high degree of a qualitative characteristic; a dream)  Listening comprehension topic: “The nature and geography of Russia”.</p>
8	<p>Intonation constructions review.  <b>Final Exam (approximately 70 minutes)</b>  The exam consists of 3 assignments:  Pronunciation component;  Determining the Intonation Pattern; Listening Comprehension.</p>

## Course Materials:

Gonchar I.A. *Poslushajte!* [Listen Up!] SPb: Zlatoust, 2014. Volumes. 2,3.

Odintsova, I. V. *Zvuki, ritmika, intonatsiya* [Sounds, rythmics, intonation]. Moscow: Flinta, 2004.

Zakharova A.I., Paretskaya M.E. *Uchebno-trenirovochnye testy po russkomu kak inostrannomu.* [Tests of Russian as foreign language] Moscow, 2012. Volume. 4.



Zykova E.I., Ilyinova A.I. *Uchebnye materialy dlya zanyatiy po fonetike*. [Learning materials to study phonetics] SPb., 2001