



## **CIEE St. Petersburg, Russia**

<b>Course name:</b>	Russian Conversation Advanced II
<b>Course number:</b>	RUSI 3032 RLPU
<b>Programs offering course:</b>	Summer Russian Language
<b>Language of instruction:</b>	Russian
<b>U.S. Semester Credits:</b>	3 semesters
<b>Contact Hours:</b>	45
<b>Term:</b>	Summer 2019

### **Course Description**

This course includes practical structural patterns in conversation that aid discussions on topical issues in Russian life. The course consists of the following: reading authentic and adapted texts, completing exercises and meaningful tasks targeting the consolidation of lexical and grammatical material, work on conversational patterns, and the development of the skills needed to discuss class topics by participating in discussion or in monologue form.

### **Learning Objectives**

Students will learn and master connectors in their speech, as well as conversational structures they encounter in class, and will participate in discussions in Russian, formulating and expressing their points of view.

### **Course Prerequisites**

Students in this course must possess an intermediate level of Russian, typically achieved after the completion of four semesters of Russian in a U.S. university. Students should possess the vocabulary necessary to read and comprehend adapted newspaper texts, and have a good command of basic grammar material. Students' placement is contingent upon a written and an oral test, as well as an ACTFL oral proficiency interview.

### **Methods of Instruction**

Classes are mainly in the form of discussion concentrated on a specific theme, with the addition of lexical-grammatical exercises aimed to reinforce vocabulary and grammatical material covered. The communicative nature of this course will allow for the integration of all skills: speaking, listening, reading, and writing.

### **Assessment and Final Grade**

#### **Class Attendance**

Attendance is an important part of the final grade. Students must bring their textbooks and/or course packet every day. Three instances of tardiness will be equated to a one-hour absence. One unexcused absence is allowed throughout the semester. 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 will be assessed according to the following criteria:

Class work:	30%
Homework:	30%

Quizzes:	20%
Exams:	20%
TOTAL	100%

### **Course Requirements**

- Students must attend classes, actively participate in class discussions, and complete all assigned homework.
- On the final oral exam, students must know vocabulary of the assigned topics (synonyms & antonyms), be able to form root words, use verbs with different prefixes, and participate in a conversation on selected topics.

### **Weekly Schedule**

Week 1	Getting acquainted. <u>Topic: Russian names.</u> Speech patterns expressing agreement / disagreement. Thematic vocabulary exercises.
Week 2	<u>Topic: What is happiness?</u> Speech patterns expressing relationships. Thematic vocabulary exercises.
Week 3	<u>Topic: Women in the modern world.</u> Speech patterns expressing promises, representations, wishes, congratulations. Thematic vocabulary exercises.
Week 4	<u>Topic: Factors of a successful person.</u> Speech patterns expressing preference and disappointment. Thematic vocabulary exercises.
Week 5	<u>Topic: Russian youth of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.</u> Speech patterns expressing demand, frustration, curiosity. Speech patterns expressing doubt, happiness/sadness, regret, surprise. Thematic vocabulary exercises.
Week 6	<u>Topic: Informal youth groups.</u> Speech patterns expressing conditional, purpose, and reason. Thematic vocabulary exercises.

Week 7	<u>Topic: Internet in the life of the modern man.</u> Speech patterns expressing conditional, purpose, and reason. Thematic vocabulary exercises.
Week 8	Oral Exam

**Course Material**

Rodimkina, A, Landsman N. *Rossiia den' za dnyem*. Sankt-Peterburg, 2010.