



RUS 401 Advanced Russian (4 Credits)

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Course Description

This advanced course in the Russian language is a follow-up to the third-level course and is intended to enhance overall communicative competence in Russian. It focuses on the development of Russian literacy within a culturally authentic, contemporary context. In this course, speaking, listening and writing will be emphasized along with the review of Russian grammar.

The main goal of this course is to expand and solidify student's command of Russian vocabulary, grammar and spelling, and to develop advanced listening, reading, descriptive, conversational, and compositional skills. The course incorporates a variety of activities including pre-reading exercises, aural mini-lectures and comprehension drills.

This is an advanced level language course and students are expected to actively use the target language both inside and outside of the classroom. Therefore, on a regular basis, you should also set aside time to:

- practice conjugating verbs
- practice writing emails, letters and essays, etc.
- practice reading newspaper articles, ads, etc.
- practice speaking with friends and/or classmates
- practice listening via news broadcasts, television or online videos

Course Format

This course includes reading and writing assignments, active listening comprehension, discussions, group work and presentations.

Attendance

Attendance and class participation are mandatory. Students are allowed two unexcused absences during the semester.

Required Readings

Course pack and handouts provided.

The information contained in the course syllabus may be subject to change with reasonable advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.