



RUS 100 Elementary Russian (8 Credits)

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Course Description

This course's objective is to guide students towards basic communicative competence in Russian. The focus is to logically develop listening, speaking, reading, writing, and communication skills as well as to familiarize students with various aspects of Russian and Ukrainian culture. The course integrates language learning with interactive tasks that enhance communication and comprehension skills. Students will learn basic vocabulary that is needed in real life communication situations while living in Kharkov, Ukraine.

Course Format

This course combines instruction with student conversations and dialogue games. Student participation is very important as the course is highly interactive. Students will attend class 5 days a week, 6 hours a day for 4 weeks. Every week there will be 3.5 hours of events/activities that are organized outside of the classroom. These language immersion activities give students the opportunity to further practice their communication skills while making friends with local students, faculty members and host families.

Attendance

Attendance and class participation directly affect students' grades. Students are expected to attend and participate in all class activities.

Topical Course Outline

Weeks 1 and 2

The alphabet, learning to read and write;

Oral pronunciation, listening comprehension, and basic vocabulary;

Basic greeting, simple questions, gender, formal and informal speech;

Naming things (body parts, classroom materials, and everyday items);

Verbs in present and past tense, adjectives, adverbs, nouns, pronouns and conjunctions;

Reading, listening and translating short and simple text from advertisements.



Topical Course Outline

Weeks 3 and 4

Learning to read and write;

Revision of basic grammatical principles of the Russian language;

Oral pronunciation, listening comprehension, and basic vocabulary;

Accumulation of vocabulary related to everyday life in Ukraine;

Basic greeting, simple questions, gender, formal and informal speech;

Conversation practice, learning foods, ordering in restaurants, asking for directions and general questions;

Reading, listening and translating short texts from magazines and books.

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.