



RUS 200 Intermediate Russian (8 Credits)

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Course Description

This course focuses on broadening the vocabulary and the ability to use it in everyday Russian communication and teaches students how to express themselves in Russian on various topics. Students will be able to build more complex grammatical structures both in conversation practice and in writing. The course discusses Russian and Ukrainian culture and places of historical and cultural significance. The course emphasizes strengthening of medium level grammar, expansion of vocabulary and listening comprehension; further development of reading, writing, and conversational skills.

Course Format

This course combines oral and written exercises including writing short essays, dialogs, text reflections, learning games, discussions, private study and group work. 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

Practice of writing skills: compositions and listening comprehension;

Practice of oral skills: role plays, elementary and complex dialogues;

Reading and discussion of texts;

Broadening of vocabulary;

Grammar review and introduction of main Russian grammatical principles.



Topical Course Outline

Weeks 3 and 4

Practice of writing skills: short compositions;

Practice of oral skills: role plays, dialogues, reflection on theater performances and other cultural immersion activities organized by EESA;

Reading, discussion and listening to texts from magazines, books and other literature;

Broadening of vocabulary;

Grammar review and learning more complex grammar structures.

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.