



RUS 300 Advanced Russian (8 Credits)

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Course Description

This advanced course in the Russian language is intended to enhance overall communicative competence in Russian. This course includes conversation practice, pronunciation and grammar refinement, writing compositions and broadening the vocabulary. The course will include reading and discussing relatively difficult texts. 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. Students will gain a better understanding of Russian culture and its traditions.

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, 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.

Course Format

This course combines lectures, discussions, group work, presentations, film screenings, theater performances and other immersion events. 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;
Practice of oral skills: presentations and discussions of intercultural topics;
Reading and discussion of texts;
Broadening of vocabulary;
Grammar review.

Weeks 3 and 4

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 videos

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.