

RUS100/110 Russian I

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Course description

This is an elementary Russian course for beginners, mostly college and university students, giving working knowledge of the fundamentals of Russian.

The course consists of the following parts.

1. Introductory course (**Russian 1**), printings
2. Main course (Russian 2, 3) based mostly on beginners' courses in Russian for English-speaking learners.

Course objectives

During the course students will acquire the following language and communication skills:

- communicating on the essential aspects of everyday life (meeting people, talking about oneself, shopping and getting around the city, travelling, etc.)
- read and retell simple texts, prepare oral or written reports on given topics;
- read with a dictionary and translate more difficult texts
- learn about 700 Russian words
- get some knowledge on essential aspects of communicating with the Russians (manners and etiquette, mentality etc.)

The course also gives commentary on Russia, its history and culture, Russian traditions, way of life etc.

Course schedule (this is tentative and subject to change)

Introduction course: **Russian 1.** Week 1 – 15. Phonetics, writing, basic grammar constructions and conversational speech clichés, etc.

Main course: Russian 2, 3. Continued from Russian 1.

Further studying of grammar and vocabulary, acquiring basic skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing.

Russian 2. Week 15 – 30.

Russian 3. Week 30 – 45.

Attendance Policy

Attendance is important in this course, since most of the learning will take place in teacher-students intercourse, pattern drill and working in pairs or small groups.

Evaluation

Attendance: 30%

Small tests, oral or written: 40%

Semester-end test: 30%

Texts and other materials

① Main texts

1. Teacher's printings
2. Yu. Ovsienko. Russian for Beginners. Moscow, 2004 (copies).

② Additional materials

1. N. Karavanova. A Course in Conversational Russian. Moscow, 2002 (copies).
2. P.トマルキン。ロシア人とのコミュニケーションの基本。ロシア語学習者のための参考書。筑波大学外国語センター、2006.
3. マルガリータ富田。ロシア人・生まれてから死ぬまで。ユーラシア・ブックレット№44. 東洋書店、2004.