Ru 201: Intermediate Russian I
Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures
Fall 2010

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Instructor:
Office:
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Course objectives:

Russian 201 is designed to help you develop intermediate proficiency in oral expression, listening comprehension, reading, writing, and cultural understanding. The course continues to foster students’ grammar skills in the Russian, reinforcing and enhancing their command of declension and conjugation systems, verbal aspects and other areas of Russian grammar.

Course requirements and policies:

Required texts:

Optional materials:
2. CD program for Nachalo. You will need this program in order to complete the workbook lab exercises. You can also access this program online: Go to http://www.slavic.uiuc.edu/courses/webcontent/ and select audio files for RUSS 201. You need to have the Real Player software in order to listen to these audio files on your computer.
3. CD ROM for Nachalo.

Attendance. Regular attendance is crucial for mastering a foreign language. **Students with 8 or more absences (total) will receive an F.** In the cases of illness, religious holidays, family emergencies, or university obligations please notify your instructor in advance and provide a written note when appropriate. Otherwise this absence, as any other unexcused absence, will lower your attendance/participation grade. You may be asked to obtain a letter from the Emergency Dean:
   300 Turner Student Services Building
   610 East John Street
   Champaign, IL 61820
   (217) 333-0050
Consistently late arrival to class will be penalized by a reduction in the attendance/participation grade and may be counted as an absence. Please be punctual.

You are expected to behave properly in class and to comply with the University Student Code: http://www.admin.uiuc.edu/policy/code/
Improper conduct and language, as well as the use of cellular phones in class, will not be tolerated.

Class participation. You must come to class prepared even if you were absent for the previous class. Your detailed course plan (расписание) has all the information on the material covered on each particular day and the assigned homework. The instructor will keep track of those classes to which you come unprepared and will also mark the days when you take a particularly active participation in class. Your final attendance/participation grade will be greatly affected by the quality of your participation and the level and consistency of your preparedness.
You must always have your textbook with you. You should also always have your course plan (расписание) in case the instructor announces any changes to the plan.

Most Thursdays are reserved for work with the cartoons and the textbook *Animation for Russian Conversation*. Your instructor may give you additional home assignment from this textbook.

Homework. Your detailed course plan includes homework assigned in each class. The underlined assignments must be completed in writing (when appropriate) and turned in to the instructor in the next class. Your instructor will mark your mistakes on the homework but won’t correct it.
*You have to self-correct your homework and submit corrected homework at the next class.*

Late corrections will not be accepted.
Your homework will be graded on a 4-point basis according to the following criteria:
- timeliness;
- completeness;
- quality;
- self-corrections.

Failure to comply with one or more of these criteria will lower your grade and will result in you receiving 3, 2, 1, and 0 respectively. Before submitting your homework, make sure to date it and to write your name on each page.

NB: Homework that is late more than one week since due date will not be accepted (unless you missed a week of class due to illness and can provide a doctor’s note).

Pop-Quizzes. Periodically, you will be given pop-quizzes in the beginning of class that will test your knowledge of new vocabulary and grammar covered in class. To do well on these, please make sure you spend time at home studying vocabulary and grammar. No make-up quizzes will be given.

Tests. There will be a comprehensive test after each chapter (except for the last one). No make-up tests will be given. If a serious reason for missing a test can be proven, you may be allowed to make it up at the instructor’s discretion. You will also have one oral test. Details will be
provided by your instructor. *Heritage speakers may be given a different assignment instead of an oral test.*

The final examination will be cumulative and will cover chapters 8-11. Your instructor will announce the date, time, and location of the final.

**Working with Russian cartoons.** Most of the Thursday classes will be dedicated to working with the textbook *Animation for Russian Conversation.* You will be given separate assignments and homework for this activity.

**Grading.** The course will be graded according to the following formula:

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Letter grades will be assigned as follows:

- **A+**: 98-100%
- **A**: 93-97%
- **A-**: 90-92%
- **B+**: 88-89%
- **B**: 83-87%
- **B-**: 80-82%
- **C+**: 78-79%
- **C**: 73-77%
- **C-**: 70-72%
- **D+**: 68-69%
- **D**: 63-67%
- **D-**: 60-62%
- **F**: below 60%

**Academic Integrity.** Cases of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated and will be dealt with according to university policy. Please read the note on Academic Dishonesty very carefully: [http://www.uiuc.edu/admin_manual/code/rule_33.html](http://www.uiuc.edu/admin_manual/code/rule_33.html)

For your homework assignments you should feel free to consult your textbooks, dictionaries, grammar books, or notes that might help you. **You may not seek outside assistance** (e.g., friends, family, native speakers, etc.) for completing graded assignments, including homework. You are also **not allowed to use computer-assisted translators or online translating programs.**

**Russia-related events and activities.** Each semester the Slavic department graduate students organize a Russian film series and a Russian conversation hour. You are encouraged to attend these events and will receive small extra participation credit for attending or participating. Schedule TBA.