Ru 102: Elementary Russian II
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Course description: In this course, students will continue developing their skills in all four major areas of language proficiency: speaking, listening comprehension, reading, and writing. Prerequisites: RUSS 101 or departmental placement into 102. Heritage speakers of Russian may be given different or additional assignments.

Course requirements and policies:

Required texts:

Optional materials:
2. Videotape for Nachalo: When in Russia.
3. 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://slavic.lang.uiuc.edu, click on “languages,” then on “Russian,” and then on “audio files” for Russian 102. You will need to use your Net ID and password to access these files. You need to have the Real Player software in order to listen to these audio files on your computer.
4. CD-ROM for Nachalo.

Attendance. Regular attendance is crucial for mastering a foreign language. Students with 6 or more unexcused absences will receive an F. Illness, religious holidays, family emergencies, and university obligations are excused, but you will have to notify your instructor in advance or provide a written note when appropriate. Each unexcused absence will result in the reduction of the attendance/participation part of your final grade, as will consistent late arrival to class. Please be punctual.

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. This semester a great deal more Russian will be used in the classroom by your instructor. In order to follow your instructor’s explanations, you will be asked to learn some of the grammar terminology in Russian. You are also required to study all of the new grammar material from the textbook the day before your class, so you can understand the in-class explanations better.

News report. Each of you will select a topic of interest whether related to Russia or not (e.g., a celebrity, horoscope, the intelligent design debate, the situation in Chechnya—anything). You will be tracing the new developments in your area of interest on Russian news websites or TV programs throughout the semester and report on them periodically. The recommended websites are www.lenta.ru and http://www.russiantvonline.com/
Your instructor will give you more details.

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.
Your homework will be graded on a 4-point basis according to the four following criteria:
	-timeliness;
	-completeness;
	-quality;
	-self-corrections.
Failure to comply with one or more of these criteria will result in you receiving 3, 2, 1, or 0 for your homework respectively.

Tests. There will be a short vocabulary quiz at the end of each chapter and a comprehensive test after each chapter. 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.

The final examination will be held during the final exam week, following the last class meeting. The final will be cumulative and will cover chapters 5-7.

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

- Class participation and attendance 15%
- Homework 15%
- News reports 10%
- Vocabulary quizzes (including the grammar terminology quiz) 10%
- Oral test 10%
- Tests 20%
- Final 20%

Academic Integrity. Cases of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated and will be dealt with according to university policy. See the Student Code on academic integrity:
http://www.admin.uiuc.edu/policy/code/article_1/a1_1-401.html
Please be aware that the use of computer-assisted and online translation programs is strictly prohibited and considered cheating. The same applies to using outside help (i.e., friends, relatives, native speakers) on graded assignments including homework.