

Department of Modern Languages and Literatures
Pittsburg State University
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COURSE SYLLABUS
MLL 188-01 Russian Language and Culture II
5 semester hours
Course time: TTH 4:30 – 6:50
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Course Description

This second semester course is a continuous course of Russian language and culture. Pre-requisite is Russian language and culture I. During this course students will continue to develop their proficiency in four language skills – speaking, listening, reading, and writing – while gaining new knowledge of different aspects of Russian culture.

Course Objectives

Listening – understanding simple face-to-face conversations about daily routine, home, family, school; speaking – holding simple conversations consisting of questions and answers with a Russian speaker; reading – understand common printed advertisements and business correspondence, read short texts and be able to answer questions; writing – write short notes to Russian acquaintances, including invitations, thank you notes. In addition, students will learn about the essentials of culture necessary for active and receptive skills (forms of address, greeting, telephone etiquette, etc.)

Students are required to read one book by a Russian author in English and write a book review (the list of possible books will be handed out the first week of the semester).

Students' interest in the subject and additional independent study (through internet and library sources) are always encouraged.

Required Texts and Materials

Textbook: *GOLOSA: A Basic Course in Russian*. Book 1. 3rd ed. Prentice Hall.

Authors: Richard Robin, Karen Evans-Romaine, Galina Shatalina, Joanna Robin

Dictionary: The Oxford Russian Dictionary

Class Attendance

Attendance is essential. Since 5 hours a week of this class are most likely to be your only exposure to a Russian-speaking environment, attendance and participation are very important and therefore will be counted significantly in the course grade.

Except in the case of extraordinary circumstances, any student who misses more than five classes will be dropped from the class for excessive absences.

Frequent, daily exposure to and use of the target language is vital to making real progress towards fluency in a foreign language.

Should you ever miss a class, it is your responsibility to get the assignment for the next class and be prepared (email/call me or a classmate for the information).

Evaluation

Your grade for this course will be determined by your results on:

- class work over the textbook 'GOLOSA'
- dialogues
- grammar exercises
- listening comprehension
- book report
- quizzes, midterm test and final test

Grading

4 quizzes (25 - 50 pts each) = 100 - 200 points

5 homework assignments (30 pts each) = 150 points

classroom activities = 50 points

midterm test = 50 points

book project (3-4 pages, due last week of class) = 50 points

final exam = 100 points

500 - 600 total points

A = 90-100% of total points

B = 80-89% of total points

C = 70-79% of total points

D = 60-69% of total points

Tentative Course Schedule

Январь

- 24 Review: Урок 1 и 2 (introductions, numbers, nouns, adjectives)
26 Урок 3: Languages and nationalities, new vocabulary, listening
31 Урок 3: Grammar: verb conjugation, past tense

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- 2 Урок 3: Grammar: prepositional case, conjunctions
7 Урок 3: Dialogues, video
9 Урок 3: Review exercises
14 **Quiz 1** (Unit 3), movie 'Ballad of a Soldier' or 'Cranes are Flying'
16 Урок 4: New vocabulary, listening comprehension
21 Урок 4: Grammar: verbs, prepositions, accusative case
23 Урок 4: Grammar: prepositional case, conjunctions
28 Урок 4: Reading comprehension, listening comprehension

Март

- 2 Урок 4: Review exercises, dialogues, video
7 **Quiz 2** (Unit 4)
9 Урок 5: New vocabulary, daily schedule, listening exercises
14 Урок 5: Grammar: indicating time, new verbs, questions
16 Урок 5: Grammar: expressing necessity; reading comprehension
21, 24 **SPRING BREAK**
28 Урок 5: Dialogues
30 Урок 5: Review exercises, video

Апрель

- 4 **Quiz 3** (Unit 5), movie 'Everything will be all right'
6 Урок 6: New vocabulary, describing pictures, listening
11 Урок 6: Grammar: verb 'to want', genitive case, etc.
13 Урок 6: Grammar: expressing possession, quantity, genitive case

Апрель

18	Урок 6: Dialogues, listening
20	Урок 6: Review exercises, reading comprehension, video
25	Quiz 4 (Unit 6)
27	Урок 7: New vocabulary, family, professions; listening

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2	Урок 7: Grammar: verbs, dative case, genitive plural, quantity
4	Урок 7: Grammar: ages, accusative case
9	Урок 7: Dialogues, reading comprehension, review exercises
11	Review for the Final
16	Final Exam

Note: This is an approximate outline and necessary adjustments could be made during the semester.

