CIEE St. Petersburg, Russia

Course title: Intermediate Russian Grammar I
Course code: RUSI 2005 RASP
Programs offering course: Russian Area Studies
Language of instruction: Russian
U.S. semester credits: 4.00
Contact hours: 65.00
Term: Fall 2020

Course Description

This Russian language grammar course is part of a practical course intended for students with a beginner-level mastery of Russian language. Students should deepen and widen their knowledge of morphology and syntax of the Russian language throughout this course. The analysis and production of various texts is an important part of this course, as is the creation of their own statements and texts. Coursework includes the completion of a significant amount of oral and written exercises, from the textbook, as well as conditional-communicative, and communicative situations. Careful attention is paid not only to work in the classroom, but also to the work done at home. Given a language level, i.e. one - two-semesters of Russian language instruction in a U.S. university, much attention is focused on the case system.

Learning Objectives

By completing this course, students will:

- study verb tenses and use them appropriately in oral and written speech;
- classify main cases, apply them in oral and written speech;
- be able to sustain conversation with peers and native speakers on a wide range of topics, including families, themselves, daily routine, interests;
- participate in dialogues in such social situations as ordering food and making purchases;
- summarize the meaning of a literary fragment, analyze its meaning, engage in a conversation with the instructor and peers about the meaning of a literary text.

Course Prerequisites

Students are expected to have completed one or two semesters of college Russian prior to enrollment in this course. Actual placement depends on the results of the placement test administered at the beginning of the program.

Methods of Instruction

The main type of class work: explanation of new material by the professor, working together as a group to complete exercises. In the case of difficulty completing homework: collective review and discussion of difficult grammatical occurrences will take place. This course consists in a significant amount of oral exercises: description of photographs, creation of dialogues, presentations. After each topic studied is an exam. In the class following the exam, mistakes will be analyzed. In the case of a poor exam grade, students may retake the exam.

Assessment and Final Grade

1. Homework 15%
2. Quizzes 20%
3. Midterm 20%
4. Final Exam 30%
5. Class Participation 15%
TOTAL 100%

Course Requirements
Homework

You are expected to have all homework assignments completed before you come to class. Home assignments, which include grammar exercises and writing short texts are mandatory. Class time will be used to check your home assignments and to advance your knowledge, drawing on what you have studied at home.

Quizzes

Quizzes are given regularly, and they will focus on grammar and vocabulary of each theme.

Midterm

Final Exam

Both the midterm and final exams are given in class, and they expected to last a full class session, i.e. 1.5 hours. They will be comprised of fill in the blank questions, multiple choice questions and short writing assignments. Their objective is to gauge the students’ both passive and active knowledge of grammar rules covered in class.

Class Participation

You are expected to be an active participant in class activities.

Attendance

Attendance is crucial for successful completion of the class. Students are allowed to have two unexcused absences for each course for the whole semester program. These allowed unexcused absences should be used for situations such as minor illnesses without a doctor’s note or personal situations that prevent the student from attending the class. Allowed unexcused absences should not be used in a planned way for travel or other activities. Unexcused absences beyond the limit of two will lower a student’s grade by 2 points on the 100-point scale each. For example, if your overall score in the class is 90 (an equivalent of A-) and you have had three unexcused absences, your final score will be 88 (B+).

N.B. Course schedule is subject to change due to study tours, excursions, or local holidays. Final schedules will be included in the final syllabus provided to students on site.

Weekly Schedule

Week 1

Class: 1.1 Acquaintance / Asking Each Other Questions

What’s your name? Where do you live?

Nouns with pronouns and adjectives in singular

Class: 1.2

The uses of prepositional case:

- to denote place
- to denote time
- to denote object

Class: 1.3

Prepositional case of nouns and adjectives;

Homework: Textbook (TX) p. 35-36,

Ex. 1-3

Week 2

Class: 2.1
Prepositional case (continued)

Class: 2.2

Pronoun свой in prepositional case

Homework: TX p. 36-37, Ex.4-6; Ex. 7-9

Class: 2.3

Complex sentences with preposition который in prepositional case

Quiz#1

Week 3

Class: 3.1

Accusative case

Class: 3.2

Accusative case of nouns with pronouns and adjectives in singular. Main uses of accusative case:

- to denote object
- when describing that someone looks like another one
- in time expressions
- to indicate the route of a journey

Class: 3.3

Pronoun свой in accusative case

Complex sentences with preposition который in accusative case

Quiz#2

Homework: TX p.47, Ex. 4; p. 52-54, Ex. 10 - 11

Week 4

Class: 4.1

Verbs of motion:

- прийти/приехать,
- уйти/уехать,
- идти/ходить,

Class: 4.2

Direct and indirect speech

Quiz#3

Class: 4.3

Verbs of motion: ехать/ездить; пойти/поехать,

Homework: TX
p.71, Ex.1-Ex. 2

Week 5

Class: 5.1 Genitive Case

Genitive case of nouns with pronouns and adjectives in singular
Uses of genitive case:
- to indicate ownership
- to denote lack of something
- in the description of location

Uses of genitive case:
- to describe quality of animate or inanimate object
- to express time
- to indicate indefinite quality and after numbers

Quiz #4

Week 6

Class: 6.1
Genitive case (continued)

Class: 6.2
Pronoun свой in genitive case
Homework: TX, p. 102; Ex. 29 p. 104, Ex. 31; p. 106, Ex. 35;

Class: 6.3
Complex sentences with the prefix который in genitive case
Complex sentences with the prefix чтобы in genitive case:
- to express desire, objective or necessity

Quiz #5

Week 7

Class: 7.1 Dative Case
Dative case of nouns with pronouns and adjectives in singular

Class: 7.2
Main uses of genitive case:
- denoting an addressee
- in impersonal constructions
- to express necessity of doing something
- to indicate movement towards a place
- to indicate an object
Homework: TX, p. 120, Ex. 3; p. 120, Ex. 5; p. 127, Ex. 11

Class: 7.3
Pronoun свой in dative
TX p. 135, Ex. 18; p. 145, Ex. 28

Quiz #6

Week 8
Class: 8.1

Complex sentences with the prefix который in dative case
Homework; TX, p. 145, Ex. 28

Class: 8.2

Review

Class: 8.3

Midterm Exam

Week 9
Class: 9.1 Instrumental Case

Instrumental case of nouns with pronouns and adjectives in singular

Class: 9.2

Main uses of instrumental case:
- to indicate a joint action
- to indicate profession, position or rank
- to describe features of the appearance of animate or inanimate object

Homework: TX, pp.150-179; Ex. 2 (a); 3 (a); Ex. 4; 5 (6); 6 (6)

Class: 9.3

Uses of instrumental case:
- to indicate the means of an action
- to indicate location (with prepositions под, над, перед, за, между, рядом)

Homework TX Ex. 11; 12; 18 (б)

Week 10
Class: 10.1

Direct and indirect speech

Class: 10.2

Complex sentences with the prefix который in instrumental case

Class: 10.3

Mastering complex sentences. TX, pp.150-179; Ex. 21; 23; 24
Ex. 28 (б)

Quiz#7

Week 11
Class: 11.1

Declension of plural nouns.

Class: 11.2

Review: Formation of plural genitive nouns
Declension of nouns with adjectives and pronouns in plural
Declension of plural nouns that only have plural form

**Quiz#8**

**Week 12**

Class: 12.1

Indefinite-personal sentences

Homework: TX, pp. 195-211; Ex. 15; 18; 20; 24 (3,5)

Class: 12.2

Indefinite-personal sentences with omitted subject

Complex sentences with subordinating conjunctions, which express:
- Definition (with prefixes которые, которых)
- idea of concession
- condition

Class: 12.3

Review for the exam

**Final exam**

**Course Materials**

**Readings**