Course title: Elementary Russian Grammar I
Course code: RUSI 1005 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 course is a beginner course of the Russian language and involves learning grammatical and lexical material at the elementary level. This course is taught in tandem with RUSI 1003 Elementary Russian Conversation I, using similar teaching methods and drawing on the vocabulary, which student acquire in the Conversation class.

Learning Objectives
By completing this course, students will:

- learn the Cyrillic alphabet
- understand and use basic grammatical concepts and structures, including present and past tenses, nouns in singular and plural, Accusative, Genitive and Prepositional cases;
- be able to express obligation and necessity by using modal words;
- use basic time expressions, be able to tell time on the hour

Course Prerequisites
None

Methods of Instruction
The instruction will employ communicative methods. Permanent error correction and progress check will be exercised. Exercises targeting writing skills will be completed on a regular basis. Pronunciation correction and intonation will constitute part of listening comprehension skills and will be done on an everyday basis.

Assessment and Final Grade

1. Quizzes 20%
2. Midterm Exam 20%
3. Final Exam 30%
4. Homework 20%
5. Class Participation 10%
TOTAL 100%

Course Requirements

Quizzes
Every week you will have a 15-minute quiz that will consist of the grammar topics and vocabulary covered during a week, in total 11 quizzes.

Midterm Exam

Final Exam
In addition to that during the course, there will be two 1.5-hour exams: Midterm and Final. Both will include grammar and oral parts. In the oral part, you will be expected to produce a 1-2 minute monologue on a topic studied during the course and be able to respond to the instructor’s questions on that topic.

Homework
Homework assignments will be discussed in class, typically at the beginning of each class. I will collect your home assignments and grade your homework once a week.

Class Participation

Active participation is one of the keys to successful learning. Participation will be graded based on your effort to use Russian, your daily preparation for class, completion of all home assignments and the quality and quantity of your inputs in class discussions and group activities.

Students are strongly encouraged to use class time to practice the language therefore please try to avoid using English in class. If you do have any questions you can meet me after class or email me to make an appointment.

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

Class 1. Russian alphabet (русский алфавит);
Gender of nouns (род существительных), c.14
Homework: Textbook: exercises 1, 2

Class: 1.2

I and II type of verbs (первое и второе спряжение глаголов), c.19;
Homework: Textbook: exercise 3

Class: 1.3

Personal pronouns in Accusative Case (Винительный падеж личных местоимений: МЕНЯ, ТЕБЯ, ЕГО, ЕЁ, НАС, ВАС, ИХ, c. 21;
question words: кто, что, где?

Quiz 1

Week 2

Class: 2.1

Plural form of nouns (Множественное число существительных), c.27;
Possessive pronouns (притяжательные местоимения): МОЙ, ТВОЙ, ЕГО, ЕЁ, НАШ, ВАШ, ИХ, c.35;
Homework: Exercises 4,5

Class: 2.2
Class: 2.3

Prepositional case of nouns (Предложный падеж сущ-ных), с.52
Verbs ЖИТЬ, БЫТЬ, с.55;

Quiz 2

Week 3
Class: 3.1

Prepositions В/НА (предлоги), с.61;
Verbs with suffix –ВА- (глаголы): ДАВАТЬ, ВСТАВАТЬ, ПРОДАВАТЬ, с.65

Class: 3.2

Adverbs of time (наречия времени): ВСЕГДА, ЧАСТО, ИНОГДА, РЕДКО..., с. 67;
Adjectives (прилагательные), c. 70;
Homework: Exercises 6, 7

Class: 3.3

Adverbs (наречия): ХОРОШО, ПЛОХО. КРАСИВО, МНОГО, МАЛО..., с. 73;

Quiz 3

Week 4
Class: 4.1

Accusative case of nouns (Винительный падеж), c.81

Class: 4.2

Verbs ИСКАТЬ, ХОТЕТЬ, ЛЮБИТЬ, c.81, 83;
Homework: Exercise 8

Class: 4.3

Accusative case of adjectives (винительный падеж прилагательных), с. 82;
Accusative case of possessive pronouns: МОЮ, ТВОЮ, НАШУ, ВАШУ... с. 84;

Quiz 4

Week 5
Class: 5.1

Verb ПИСАТЬ, c. 89

Class: 5.2

Prepositional case with the preposition О + О КОМ, О ЧЁМ? c. 92;
Personal pronouns in prepositional case: ОБО МНЕ, О ТЕБЕ, О НЁМ, О НЕЙ..., с. 93;
Homework: Exercise 9
Class: 5.3.

Ordinal numbers, c. 103
Adjectives in Prepositional case (прилагательные в предложном падеже), c. 103;
Homework: Review c.66-102

Quiz 5

Week 6
Class: 6.1.
Possessive pronouns in Prepositional case, c.111

Class: 6.2.
Interchange of consonants in verbs, c. 116
Homework: Exercises 11-12

Class: 6.3.
Глагол БРАТЬ, с. 118, ГОТОВИТЬ, ПОКУПАТЬ;

Quiz 6

Week 7
Class: 7.1.
Verbs with -ОВА-: ПЛАНИРОВАТЬ, c. 124
Homework: Exercises 13 и 14

Class: 7.2.
Days of week in Accusative case (дни недели в Винительном падеже.), c. 126

Class: 7.3.
Глаголы МОЧь, УМЕТЬ, с. 130-131,

Quiz 7

Week 8
Class: 8.1.
Reflexive verbs: ВСТРЕЧАТЬСЯ, c. 134

Class: 8.2.
Verbs СЛЫШАТЬ/СЛУШАТЬ, СМОТРЕТЬ и ВИДЕТЬ.

Class: 8.3.

Midterm Exam

Week 9
Class: 9.1.
Constructions ПОТОМУ ЧТО и ПОЭТОМУ, с. 143

Class: 9.2.
Constructions У МЕНЯ/НЕГО/НЕЁ...НЕТ
Homework: Exercises 15, 16, 18

Class: 9.3.

Constructions У МЕНЯ/ТЕБЯ/НЕГО/НЁЁ... НЕ БЫЛО, с. 169

Quiz 8

Week 10
Class: 10.1.

Verbs of motion in the past tense (глаголы движения в прошедшем времени), с. 156;
Plural forms of Prepositional case, с. 159
Homework: Exercises 19, 21

Class: 10.2.

Genitive case (Родительный падеж), с. 166;
Prepositions with Gen.case (предлоги с Род. п.): БЕЗ, ДЛЯ, ОТ, ДО, КРОМЕ, ПОСЛЕ, с. 169

Class: 10.3.

Genitive case with numbers 2, 3, 4, 5... c. 172;
Accusative/Genitive with animate and inanimate nouns, c. 173;

Quiz 9

Week 11
Class: 11.1.

Verbs of motion: ЛЕТЕТЬ/ЛЕТАТЬ, ПЛЫТЬ/ПЛАВАТЬ, БЕЖАТЬ/БЕГАТЬ, c.174-175
Exercises 22, 23

Class: 11.2.

Question words ГДЕ? КУДА? ОТКУДА?
Plural forms of Genitive case, p. 181;

Class: 11.3.

Глагол ЖДАТЬ, c. 187;

Quiz 10

Week 12
Class: 12.1.

Verbal aspect (Вид глагола), c. 197

Class: 12.2.

Dative case (Дательный падеж); КОМУ? с. 208

Class: 12.3.

Personal pronouns in Dat.case: (личные местоимения в Дат. п.) МНЕ, ТЕБЕ, ЕМУ, ЕЙ, НАМ, ВАМ, ИМ, c.210
Week 13
Class: 13.1.

Review for the exam

Class: 13.2.

Final Test

Course Materials
Readings