Course title: Intermediate Russian Grammar II
Course code: RUSI 2006 RASP
Programs offering course: Russian Area Studies
Language of instruction: Russian
U.S. semester credits: 4.00
Contact hours: 65.00
Term: Spring 2021

Course Description

This grammar course is a practical course of Russian language for intermediate students. It is assumed that during training, students should deepen and widen their knowledge of morphology and syntax of the Russian language. Attention will be given to word formation. Coursework includes a significant amount of written and oral exercises based on the communicative approach, as well as the analysis of various texts.

Learning Objectives

By completing this course, students will:

- analyze verb tenses and verb aspects, use them appropriately in oral speech and in writing;
- identify prefixial verbs and verbs of motion, adapt them successfully in speech;
- explain static and dynamic verbs, adapt them in everyday speech;
- read excerpts from modern Russian literature, engage in conversation about it with the instructor and peers, express one’s opinion on the topics brought by the texts.

Course Prerequisites

This course is intended for Russian language students at intermediate level. Student placement is contingent upon a written and an oral test administered at the beginning of the program.

Methods of Instruction

The main type of grammar work completed in the classroom is an explanation of new material by the teacher, and completion of training exercises. At the end of each studied topic a test will be carried out. In the class following the exam, errors will be analyzed. Tests may be retaken in the case of unsatisfactory performance.

Assessment and Final Grade

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

Course Requirements

Quizzes
Midterm
Final Exam

Throughout the course two quizzes and two big written tests are given, based on grammar topics studied in the class. The final exam summarizes all the topics of the course and it lasts one full class session, i.e. 90 minutes.

Homework
Doing homework, which includes grammar exercises, is mandatory. Students are also expected to memorize the aspect pairs of new verbs.

**Participation**

Communication with others is essential to language learning. This part of the grade reflects your overall preparedness and participation in class. You are expected to attend class regularly, to prepare assigned materials for each class, and to participate with reasonable accuracy and enthusiasm.

**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

The Uses of the Cases.

Revision Exercises. (handout, pp.160-162)

Homework: Ex.59, pp.161-162.

Class: 1.2

Verbal aspect. Aspectual pairs.

Class: 1.3

Review of Russian verbs conjugation (handout, pp.7-9).

Homework: write 4 sentences using the verbs: проводить-провести, провожать-проводить.

**Week 2**

Class: 2.1

Verbal aspect in the past tense. Main aspectual meanings and their use in the past tense (pp.10 - 11).

Homework: Ex.2, p.11.

Class: 2.2

Verbal aspect in the past tense. Main aspectual meanings and their use in the past tense (handout, pp.10 - 11).

Homework: Ex.3, p.11; HW: Ex.5, p.12.

Class: 2.3

Static and dynamic verbs. Case governmental: accusative, prepositional (handout, pp.36-38)

Homework: Ex.3, 4, p. 38. (by next Friday, 21.09)
Week 3
Class: 3.1
Verbal aspect in the past tense: процесс (НСВ), результат (СВ)
(the textbook, pp. 13 – 15)
Homework: Ex.6, 7 pp. 14-15.

Class: 3.2
Verbal aspect in the past tense (handout, pp.15 – 18)
Ex.9, 10, p.16.

Class: 3.3
Static and dynamic verbs.
Homework: Ex. 4, p. 38

Week 4
Class: 4.1
Verbal aspect in the past tense
(textbook, pp.19 – 21)
Homework: Ex.22, 23, p. 22.

Class: 4.2
Passive participles in the past tense (handout, pp.240-242).
Homework: Ex. 25,26, pp. 242.

Class: 4.3
Short-form passive participles (handout, pp.245- 246)
Homework: Ex. 40, p. 246

Week 5
Class: 5.1
Long-form and short-form participles (handout, pp.246- 248)

Class: 5.2
Verbal aspect in the past tense
результат действия аннулирован к моменту речи (НСВ); результат действия сохранился к моменту речи (СВ)
(textbook, pp.23 – 24; handout, Ex.7, p.16)
Homework: handout, Ex.3, p.47

Class: 5.3
Expression of simultaneous and successive action in simple and complex sentences (pp.28- 28- 30)
Homework: Ex. 36, 37, pp. 31-32
**Week 6**

Class: 6.1

Verbal aspect in the past tense (negation). (the textbook, pp.36 – 38)

Homework: the handout, ex. 4,5 pp.48- 49.

Class: 6.2

The accusative denoting time. (the handout, pp.98- 100)

**Quiz #1** (Verbal aspect in the past tense)-12.10.18

Class: 6.3

Verbal aspect in the infinitive. (the textbook, pp.39 – 42)

Homework: Ex. 56, 58, pp. 43-44.

**Week 7**

Class: 7.1

Constructions with the word нельзя. (the textbook, pp.46 – 47)

Class: 7.2

Verbal aspect in the infinitive (мочь не). Review for the Midterm exam

Homework: Ex. 66, p. 49.

Class: 7.3

**Midterm Exam**

**Week 8**

Class: 8.1

Formation of the imperative. Verbal aspect in the imperative

Homework: the handout

Class: 8.2

Negative imperative (the textbook, pp.54 – 55)

Homework: Ex. from the handout

Class: 8.3

Verb of motion. Unprefixed verbs of motion (textbook, pp.60 – 66)

Homework: Ex. 93, 94 p. 68.

**Week 9**

Class: 9.1

Unprefixed verbs of motion (textbook, pp.66 – 69)

Homework: Ex. 97, 98 p. 69

Class: 9.2

Corresponding of prepositions (textbook, pp.70 – 72)
Homework: Ex. 102, 106 p. 71.73.

Class: 9.3

Corresponding between intransitive and transitive verbs of motion (textbook, pp.76 – 78)
Homework: Ex. 115, p. 78, the handout.

Quiz #2

Week 10
Class: 10.1

Prefixed verbs of motion: при, у, вы, в, по, про, пере, за, с, об, раз-ся, с-ся
textbook, pp. 84 – 89
Homework: Ex. 134, 136, 137, pp. 87, 88

Class: 10.2

Perfective and imperfective aspects of prefixed verbs of motion (the textbook, pp.90 – 94)
Homework: Ex. 152, 153, 154, pp. 93, 94

Class: 10.3

Prefixes that do not have exact opposites (textbook, pp.94 – 97)
Homework: exercises from the handout

Week 11
Class: 11.1

Prefixes that do not have exact opposites (textbook, pp.97 – 101)

Class: 11.2

The expression of time in simple sentence (the handout, pp. 4-7)

Class: 11.3

Week 12
Class: 12.1

Review. Preparation for final exam

Class: 12.2

Final exam

Course Materials
Readings