Course title: Russian Grammar Intermediate II
Course code: RUSI 2012 RLPU
Programs offering course: Summer Russian Language
Language of instruction: Russian
U.S. semester credits: 2.00
Contact hours: 30.00
Term: Summer 2022

Course Description

This course focuses on developing intermediate grammar language skills. In the classroom, with the teacher’s help, students will analyze the proposed grammar material and complete exercises, to be submitted together with students’ completed homework. Overseeing students’ mastery of material is assisted through graded assignments and tests. Grammar includes studying Participles, Reflexive Verbs, Verbs of Motion, important syntax constructions. The course concludes a lot of grammar oral and written communicative and conventional-communicative exercises, writing essays.

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 opinions 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 test administered at the beginning of the program.

Methods of Instruction

The instructor employs communicative method.

This grammar class includes explanation by the instructor grammar materials, doing grammar exercises, and it involves working in groups and pairs, asking and answering questions, role plays, and such projects as discussions, round tables, and debates. New vocabulary is introduced explicitly and implicitly.

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.

Assessment and Final Grade

1. Homework 25%
2. Quizzes 25%
3. Final Exam 25%
4. Class Participation 25%
TOTAL 100%

Course Requirements

Homework
Quizzes

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

Final Exam

Class Participation

You are expected to have all homework assignments completed before you come to class. Class time will be used to reinforce what you have studied at home. You are expected to be an ACTIVE participant in class activities.

Attendance

To encourage engaged learning, regular class attendance is required throughout the program. This includes any required co-curricular class excursion or event, as well as internship, service-learning, or other required field placement.

An excused absence in a CIEE course will only be considered if approved by a CIEE Center Director/Academic Director (not the Instructor), and:

- it is a self-certified absence for illness (only once per course, requires formal request before or within 24 hours, cannot miss assessment worth more than 5% of final course grade)
- a doctor's note from a local medical professional is provided
- evidence of a family emergency is provided
- it is a pre-approved observance of religious holiday

Unexcused absences include personal travel and/or travel delays, as well as missing more than 25% of a single class period (including tardiness and early departure). Assessments missed due to unexcused absences will be marked as zero. Students with over 10% unexcused absences will be contacted by CIEE staff. Students with over 20% unexcused absences will be contacted by CIEE staff, receive a formal warning letter (shared with their home institution) and lose 10% of the final course point total (e.g., a final A grade of 93% will be lowered to a B grade of 83%).

For more detail, please consult your CIEE Academic Manual.

Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is essential to a positive and inclusive teaching and learning environment. All students are expected to complete coursework responsibilities with fairness, respect, and honesty. Failure to do so by seeking unfair advantage over others or misrepresenting someone else’s work as your own can result in grade penalties or disciplinary action. See the CIEE Student Academic Manual for further information on academic integrity.

N.B. Course schedule and co-curriculars are subject to change. The final duration and distribution of content and assignments will be determined and presented to students at the onset of the course.

Weekly Schedule

Week 1
Class: Active participles.

Active participles.

Let’s repeat adjectives (soft & firm stem). Nominative constructions. Verb нравиться – понравиться

Week 2
Class: Reflexive verbs.

Reflexive verbs.

Passive constructions with -СЯ. Active past participles.

Let’s repeat: verbs with roots: да - , ста, ва - ю, verbs with --ова/-ева.
Week 3
Class: Passive present and past participles

Passive present and past participles. Transformation sentences with который.
Let’s repeat: Accusative.
How to express your opinion.
Short passive participles.
Let’s repeat: Accusative and Instrumental cases.
Reading: story by V. Shukshin “Exam”.

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Week 4
Class: Comparative degree (adj., adverbs).

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Short adjectives.
Construction тем..., чем in complex sentence, attribute clauses.

Quiz on participles

Week 5
Class: Verbs of Motion

Verbs of Motion without prefixes, transitive/intransitive.
Let’s repeat: Accusative and Locative.
Verbs of Motion with prefixes
Let’s repeat: Dative with Verbs of Motion.

Quiz on verbs of motion

Week 6
Class: Expression of spatial relations in complex sentences

Expression of spatial relations in complex sentences.
Topic: Our house. The house of my dream.
Numerals. How to decline numerals.
Let’s repeat: Genitive plural.
Topic: Russia: state organization, nature and climate, languages.
Reading: small texts.

Quiz on numerals

Week 7
Class: Verbal adverb

Verbal adverb Correlation of verbal adverb phrases and complex sentences expressing condition, cause, concession, and temporal significance
Let's repeat: Imperative

**Quiz on imperative**

**Week 8**
**Class:** Review/Final Exam

Review. Preparing for Final Exam.

**Final Exam Written Grammar test (all grammar topics).**

**Course Materials**

**Readings**

**Textbook**