



CIEE St. Petersburg, Russia

Course title:	Communicative Russian Language
Course code:	RUSI 0001 RASU
Programs offering course:	Summer Russian Area Studies
Language of instruction:	Russian
U.S. semester credits:	1
Contact hours:	16
Term:	Summer Session I 2020

Course Description

This class is designed for students who have no previous knowledge of Russian language and wish to learn basic skills in communicating during their study program in St. Petersburg. This language course provides the linguistic tools necessary both for students to make themselves understood as well as to enable them to gain a better understanding of the way of life in Russia, through practice using language in everyday situations.

Learning Objectives

By completing this course, students will:

- function in some everyday situations;
- acquire the foundation necessary for conversational ability – with some attention to formal grammar, but with the primary focus on situations, pronunciation, and understanding basic phrases.

Methods of Instruction

Students are expected to participate actively in classroom discussions and prepare all written assignments in a timely manner. The instruction will employ communicative methods. Permanent error correction and progress check will be exercised. Exercises targeting conversational structures such as initiating and maintaining predictable introductory and simple conversations on familiar topics will be completed on a regular basis. In class repetition, studying media, listening comprehension tasks, and vocabulary expansion tasks will assist in accomplishing the objective of this course. Pronunciation correction and intonation will constitute part of listening comprehension skills and will be done on an everyday basis.

Assessment and Final Grade

1.	Homework	20%
2.	Quizzes (3)	30%
3.	Final Test	30%
4.	Class Participation	20%
	TOTAL	100%

Course Requirements

Homework



Oral and written exercises, dialogues, and vocabulary lists will be assigned for each class meeting. Students are expected to have all homework assignments completed before coming to class; assignments will be either collected, and graded based on the number of correct answers directly related to the topic studied (or previously studied), or checked for completion at the start of class. Assignments that proved difficult will be reviewed as a group. Dialogue and role play assignments will be presented and acted out during the designated class time, and graded on the accurate implementation of the material covered, as well as complexity of new structures and vocabulary. Students are expected to be an ACTIVE participant in class activities.

Quizzes (3)

Short written quizzes will focus on reinforcing the grammar, vocabulary, and phonetic rules learned each class. Frequent quizzes will help to ensure students retain and build on their Russian language knowledge

Final Test

The final exam will be a cumulative exam, which will consist in a written and an oral portion covering the topics of the four week session.

Class Participation

Attendance

Regular class attendance and thorough preparation at home are crucial to student's success in this class. Students must bring their textbooks and/or course packet every day. Three instances of tardiness will be equated to a one-hour absence. One unexcused absence is allowed throughout the semester. In such a case, it is the student's responsibility to contact the teacher ahead of time. Any additional undocumented absences will result in a lower grade. Excessive unexcused absences – i.e. more than two – will be reflected by up to half of a final grade down. In the case of more than one unexcused absence, a supporting document must be presented. It is the student's responsibility to complete and submit all missed assignments and tests.

Weekly Schedule

Week 1

Class .

- The Russian Alphabet spelling and pronunciation. Reading.
- Speaking: What is your name? Survival words, politeness.
- Here is... There is....
- Nouns in the Singular. The gender of nouns.
- Answering the questions: "Who is this? What is this?"
- Numbers 0-10
 - **QUIZ**

Week 2

Class .

- Reading: geographic names
- Questions: Whose? The Possessive Pronouns my, your, our, yours, his, hers, theirs.
- Speaking: Family members. Basic professions.
- The verb «to have»
- Adjectives and Adverbs.
- Questions: What? and How?
- Numbers, 11-20
 - **QUIZ**

Week 4

Class

- Speaking: in town. (Where is...? What is the name of this street? How can I get to...) The sights of Saint-Petersburg.
- Reading: simple sentences, short dialogs, description of a town.
- Learning colors. Clothes.
- Prepositional case.
 - **FINAL EXAM**

Course Materials

Readings

Chernyshov Stanislav. Poekhali! [Let's go!] Cours for beginners. Sankt-Petersburg: "Zlatoust", 2011.