

Are you about to start learning a new language? Taking a language course you will not only learn a language but also you will discover that there is more than simply being able to communicate with other people; you will learn about a different culture, where ideas, beliefs, and behaviors are new to you. I encourage you to take this class not thinking that is something you need to graduate but like embarking in a great adventure that will allow you to enter into an unknown world.

Welcome to LING 2303: Intensive Russian!
Добро пожаловать в страну русского языка и культуры!



LING 2303: Intensive Language Study
Intensive Russian
Fall 2014

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Course Objectives

This is an intensive course in the Russian language. This course introduces you to the language of Russians and to the people of one of the world's largest nation with rich cultural heritage.

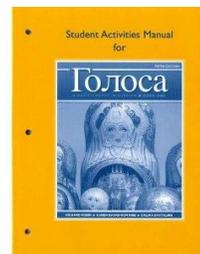
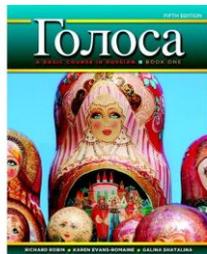
In this course, you will:

- learn the Russian alphabet and pronunciation system
- learn to read and write in Russian (in cursive)
- learn to handle simple situations in Russian such as greetings, goodbyes, introducing yourself and others using basic vocabulary in complete sentences
- learn to talk about topics such as common objects, languages and ethnic/national backgrounds, where and what people study
- learn the basics of Russian grammar such as gender, the nominative case, the prepositional case, pronouns, plurals, verb conjugation, conjunctions, prepositions, expressing possession, telling someone's name, past tense
- learn about topics in Russian culture such as greeting habits, Russian names, nationalities, education

Thus, the acquisition of the language in such four skills as listening, speaking, reading, and writing will be combined with the essential knowledge of contemporary Russian society and culture.

Materials

All the materials are available for purchase at UTEP Bookstore. If you buy them from other sources, be sure you buy the **fifth edition** of all the materials.



Required:

1. **Textbook**: *Golosa: A Basic Course in Russian*. Book One by Robin, Evans-Romaine, and Shatalina. 5th edition. Prentice Hall, 2011.
2. **Workbook**/Lab Manual for Book I, 5th edition.
3. **MyRussianLab Access Card** -- for *Golosa: A Basic Course in Russian*, Book One (6-month access), 5/E
4. Russian-English/English-Russian **Dictionary**

Optional:

- *English/Russian Oxford Picture Dictionary* by Adelson and Shapiro. 2nd edition. Oxford University Press, 2009.
- *501 Russian Verbs* by Beyer. Barron's Foreign Language Guides, 2007.
- "Russian Language Fundamentals: Expanded Foreign Language Card Guides" by Elisheva L. Hinkel

Golosa is an introductory Russian-language program that strikes a balance between communication and structure. It is designed to help students develop listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. The textbook has an accompanying Student Activities Manual with corresponding homework activities. Companion Website <http://www.gwu.edu/~slavic/golosa/> features a set of audio, video, online exercises, and interactive materials. Also, MyRussianLab provides access to online exercises, audio and video materials, and many other resources to help you succeed in the class.

Course Grade

The grade for this course will be determined according to the following formula (subject to minor revision):

Class participation, preparation, and attendance – 10%

Assignments, homework/manual – 20%

Unit tests, Final Oral Test – 25%

Quizzes, dictations, compositions – 15%

Midterm exam – 15%

Final exam – 15%

Letter grades for the unit tests, the midterm exam, the final exam, and the entire course will be assigned as follows:

A – 90-100

D – 60-69

B – 80-89

F – 0-59

C – 70-79

Department of Languages & Linguistics ATTENDANCE POLICY FOR ALL LOWER-DIVISION LANGUAGE COURSES

To expand your proficiency in a language, you must be present in class so as to engage in active practice there. Good attendance is a course requirement. Therefore, if you are absent an excessive number of times during the drop period—from the first day after the end of late registration through the last day for faculty to drop students—your instructor will drop you from the course. Here are the rules:

During the fall or spring semester, you will be dropped from a MW/TR class after you've been absent a total of **four times**. (See below for official excuses.)

Once the last day for faculty to drop students has come and gone, your instructor will not drop you, but can and will lower your grade in the course as per the following absence-based table:

<u>Total number of unexcused absences over the entire semester</u>	<u>Points by which your course grade will be lowered</u>
4 absences	2 points
5 absences	4 points
6 absences	6 points
7 absences	8 points
8 absences	10 points
9 absences	12 points
10 absences	14 points
11 absences	16 points
12 absences or more	18 points

Late arrivals and early departures also carry penalties for purposes of dropping or lowering the course grade: two late arrivals equal one absence, two early departures equal one absence, and one late arrival plus one early departure equal one absence. (To be counted as “present” you must be IN YOUR SEAT at the time your instructor takes roll.)

Exceptions to the above-stated policies are only made under these circumstances: (1) a medical emergency requiring hospitalization, (2) jury duty or (3) official UTEP business such as athletics, debating team, or band. Documentary proof of official UTEP business or jury duty must be provided ten calendar days before the fact; documentary proof of hospitalization must be provided on the day you return to class. Your instructor can also drop you for lack of effort.

Course Policies

- Frequent, daily exposure to and use of the target language is vital to making real progress towards fluency in a foreign language. Therefore, I expect you to be in each class prepared to participate fully. Should you ever miss a class, it is your responsibility to get the next class assignment. You can e-mail a classmate or me through UTEP e-mail system or Blackboard for the information. An absence will not be accepted as an excuse for not turning in assignments. If you miss a quiz, test or exam without a valid excuse, you will receive a zero for it.
- All homework, exercises, and assignments are due during the class in which they are assigned. Late assignments will be accepted but the grade will be lowered for every day that it is late. Plan to stay on top of your homework, because it is exceedingly difficult to catch up once we have moved on. You will receive a grade on each written assignment for the completeness and effort of your work. Homework counts towards 20% of your final grade. The more effort you put into your daily assignments, the more Russian you will know at the end of the semester.
- Any incidence of academic dishonesty (i.e., cheating, plagiarism) will be reported to the Office of the Dean of Students, in keeping with university policy.
- Students who may require special accommodations are strongly encouraged to report to the Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) located in Room 106 Union Bldg. East for help and advice.
- If you are having difficulty at any time, please come in to see me during my office hours or ask questions during and after class. Instructors cannot always tell if someone is falling behind or is having difficulty with certain topics. If we can clear up the confusion when it first occurs, we will be able to guarantee success with later topics that build upon the previous ones.

GOOD LUCK!

ENJOY LEARNING RUSSIAN!

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Schedule

(This schedule is tentative and subject to change to fit with the pace of the class)

Week	Dates	Assignment	
1	August 25, 27	Introduction to the course. Alphabet.	Алфавит
2	September 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning to read and write in Cyrillic (for Russian) • Russian sound system: vowel reduction, palatalization, devoicing, and consonant assimilation 	
3	September 8, 10		
4	September 15, 17		
5	September 22, 24	Unit 1 A Bit about Oneself	Урок 1 Немного о себе
6	September 29, October 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning greetings, introductions, how to talk about oneself and ask about others. • Grammar topics: Russian names, formal and informal speech, gender, the nominative and prepositional cases, the verb быть in the present tense. • Числительные 1-19 	
7	October 6		
	October 8	Midterm exam	

8	October 13, 15	Unit 2 What Do I Have?	Урок 2 Что у меня есть?
9	October 20, 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning how to name things (clothing, electronics, and classroom items), “at the airport,” reading and listening to ads • Grammar topics: grammatical gender, nominative plural of nouns, pronouns and adjectives in the nominative, some ways to express possession (possessive pronouns, у меня есть), some explication of pointing words and questions words, spelling rules. • Числительные 20-49 	
10	October 27, 29		
11	November 3, 5		
12	November 10, 12	Unit 3 What Languages Do you Know?	Урок 3 Какие языки вы знаете?
13	November 17, 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning how to talk about language, ethnic and national backgrounds • Grammar: verbs in the present and past tense, a little about adverbs, adjectives and pronouns in the prepositional, introduction to conjunctions that mean “and” and “but.” • Числительные 50-199 	
14	November 24, 26		
15	December 1	Final Oral Test	
	December 3	Review for Final Exam	
	December 10 (W) 10:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Final Exam	