

DEPARTMENT OF SLAVIC LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

RUSS 0030: Intermediate Russian I
Fall Semester 2009

Time: Mo Tu We Th Fr 10.00A.M.-10.50A.M.
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Course description: This course will continue the basics of Russian grammar while emphasizing the acquisition of reading, listening, and speaking skills by the student. The course follows Russian 0020 and assumes knowledge of all the materials covered in Russian 0010 and Russian 0020.

Required Textbooks:

Robin, Richard et al. *Golosa: A Basic Course in Russian, Book 2*. 4th ed. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Education Inc., 2003. Textbook and Workbook.

In addition to the required books, we will be using supplementary materials and handouts, audio and video materials.

Foreign Language Course Goals: Foreign language courses develop your skills in communication across ethnic, cultural, ideological, and national boundaries, and help you develop an understanding of other cultures and patterns of thought.

Learning Objectives: During this course you will review your knowledge of basic Russian morphology and syntax, by focusing on the four language skills, namely **speaking, listening, reading, and writing**. [*The course follows Russian 0020 and assumes knowledge of all the materials covered in Russian 0010 and Russian 0020*]. You will familiarize yourself with the Russian culture even more and increase your ability to use **effective strategies for language learning and communication**. In addition, you will describe cultural differences in countries other than your own, and demonstrate an appreciation of these differences.

The instructor's role: As a language teacher I will do my best to make our time in the classroom interesting, inspiring, and productive. We will evaluate the result at the end of the semester.

The Students' role: By registering for this course, you have chosen an opportunity to learn a major East Slavic language. The learning process requires your complete cooperation inside and outside the classroom. A very important part of your work is homework; to this, I will add that it is expected for students to hand in their homework on the day for which it was assigned.

Participation: Active class participation is important to your skill development and to the success of the course.

This class meets every day of the week, and you will receive "participation points" for your performance during each class. Failure to come to class will result in a zero for that day. Being late for 3 or more classes will lower your grade by at least 5%.

10 absences automatically translate into an F for the course. In extenuating circumstances this condition may be negotiated. **Scheduled and unscheduled quizzes, which will be administered regularly, cannot be made up for any reason.**

Homework: Homework will be assigned on a daily basis and assessed on a scale from 0 to 5.

Last, but – by no means – least, your own ideas are always more than welcome – only through open and creative interaction can we hope that to be successful.

Please feel free to ask for clarification on any part of the syllabus or other instructor's explanations

Students with disabilities who require special testing accommodations or other classroom modifications are encouraged to notify me and must notify the Office of Disability Resources and Services *no later than the end of the first week of classes*. Students may be asked to provide documentation of their disabilities to determine the appropriateness of their requests. The Office of Disability Resources and Services is located in 216 William Pitt Union and is available by telephone (voice or TTY) at 412-648-7890.

Grading:

Attendance and participation during recitations: 20%

Chapter tests: 25%

Written Homework: 10%

Quizzes: 15%

Final exam: 30% (20% written, 10% oral)

The following grading standards will be used in assigning grades in this course:

92-100	A	80-82	B-	68-69	D+
90-91	A-	78-79	C+	65-67	D
88-89	B+	73-77	C	64-54	E
83-87	B	70-72	C-	53 and below	F

