

University of Pittsburgh
Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures
Russian 0410: Advanced Russian II
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Office Hours:
M W 11:00-11:40am
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(or by appointment)

Class meets: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 12:00-12:50 AM CL 340

Advanced Russian II is a continuation of a year-long course designed to significantly improve students' comprehension and self-expression skills in Russian. The course will include Russian stylistics, syntax and grammar at the advanced level; work with authentic Russian texts and films; writing essays in Russian; and extensive work on vocabulary building and advanced conversation skills.

REQUIRED TEXTS AND MATERIALS:

Kagan, Olga, Frank Miller and Ganna Kudyma. *V Puti: Russian Grammar in Context*. Second Edition. NJ: Prentice Hall, 2006.

Kagan, Olga, Frank Miller and Ganna Kudyma. *Student Activities Manual. V Puti: Russian Grammar in Context*. Second Edition. NJ: Prentice Hall, 2006.

Kashper, Mara, Olga Kagan, Yuliya Morozova. *Cinema for Russian Conversation*. Vol.1. Newburyport: Focus Publishing, 2005.

RECOMMENDED TEXTS:

Cruise, E. *English Grammar for Students of Russian*. Ann Arbor: Olivia and Hill, 1987.
Any good quality Russian-English/English-Russian Dictionary (e.g., Katzner, Larousse, Harper Collins, Oxford, Webster).

EXAMINATIONS AND QUIZZES:

There will be 5 chapter tests and a final exam. Announced and unannounced quizzes will be administered throughout the semester. There is no Midterm exam in this course. **No quizzes or tests will be re-scheduled and there will be no make-up tests /quizzes.**

HOMEWORK:

Every week, you will receive a detailed schedule for the following 3 sessions. This is your responsibility to complete every assignment and submit it on time.

GRADING:

Attendance, participation, and homework: 15%
Two oral presentations: 20 (10% each)
Unit Tests: 30%
Final exam: 25%

Quizzes: 10%

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

93-100	A	80-82	B-	68-69	D+
90-92	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

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

This class meets three times a week. Students are expected to attend all classes and be on time. Students will receive daily grades for each meeting of the course. Attendance will be recorded each class. **More than three unexcused absences** will affect the final grade. **More than seven** will result in automatic failure of the course, regardless of the student's prior standing. Excused absences, such as illness or death in the immediate family, must be documented. Work assigned in a student's absence will not be given a later deadline without prior agreement with the instructor.

SPECIAL CONCERNS:

If you have questions or problems, come to talk to me during my office hours. If you cannot make it at that time, see me by the end of class, and we will schedule an appointment.

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.