FIRST-YEAR RUSSIAN I
RUS f506
COURSE SYLLABUS

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Textbook: Davidson, Gor and Lekic. Russian: Stage One: Live from Russia! vol. 1, (Kendall/Hunt Publishing Co.: Dubuque, IA, 2008). Comprises one basic text, one workbook, one audio CD, and one DVD. Available at the University Co-op.

I. GENERAL

Course Content: This course is the first semester of Russian language instruction developing functional proficiency in listening, speaking, and reading. Writing will be developed primarily through workbook assignments. We will cover the Introduction through Unit Six (Unit Seven will be covered in the second Summer Session) in the textbook, spending about three days on each unit.

Course Requirements: You are expected to attend daily classes regularly, participate actively in class, do all assigned coursework, and take all exams. You will be allowed a maximum of 3 unexcused absences during the first summer session. More than 3 (three) unexcused absences will result in the lowering of your final course grade by a diacritical (a B+ goes to a B, a B to a B-, etc.); more than 8 (eight) absences will result in a grade lowered by a letter. A Course Syllabus for the entire session, briefly describing goals and in-class activities, is found on pp. xiii - xx in your Textbook. Corresponding homework assignments for each class meeting are found in the Workbook. Because of the intensive nature of the summer session, each class day will cover three days in the Textbook. PREPARING AND HANDING IN DAILY HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS IS ESSENTIAL TO PASS THE COURSE! This means that you should go over and be familiar with this material (or prepare relevant questions) in advance of class. Note again that THREE days in the Textbook are equal to one in-class day for us. You are also responsible for learning all of the words and expressions contained in the texts and exercises covered in the Course Syllabus which appear in non-italic type in the vocabulary lists at the end of each unit. You should plan to spend about two hours of preparation for each hour in the classroom. If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to contact your instructor or another student and find out what was covered and make up the missed work. If you have extenuating physical circumstances, all instructors in Slavic Department will make themselves available to discuss appropriate academic accommodations that you may require as a student with a disability. Before course
accommodations will be made, students may be required to provide documentation to the Office of the Dean of Students -- Services for Students with Disabilities.

Testing: There will be three in-class one-hour tests for this course. There will be no comprehensive final exam for this course, though the hour exams are cumulative in nature. The in-class tests, each covering two units, will be given on June 16, June 28 and July 7.

II. GRADING

There are three components of your final course grade. These components and their relative weights are:

1. Testing: 50%
   Because of the time constraints and pace of this course, make-ups on any of the tests will be given only in unusual cases with extenuating circumstances.

2. Homework: 30%
   Written homework or in-class quizzes (e.g., vocabulary, grammar checks, etc.) will be graded on a credit (✔) / no credit (✗) basis. All assignments from the Workbook must be turned in on the class day after being assigned; a "no credit" assignment may be resubmitted for credit on the following day after being returned to the student. Your homework grade will be the percentage of "credit" assignments you submit during the term.

3. Participation: 20%
   Your instructor, as a reflection of your overall preparedness and performance in class, determines this grade. You are expected to a) attend class daily, b) prepare assigned material in advance for each class, and c) respond in class with reasonable accuracy and enthusiasm.

The result of these calculations will be on a number on a scale of 0-100. This numerical grade will be converted to a letter grade as follows:

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III. LANGUAGE LABORATORY FACILITIES

Your Textbook comes with a CD and a DVD that accompany the exercises in each unit, indicated by a "cassette" and "camera" symbol, respectively. You will greatly enhance your own listening comprehension of Russian by using to these discs in your player or home/car stereo as often as possible. If you prefer to use the tapes on campus, there are two language lab facilities: one in Jester Center (A205 A) and a second on the second floor of Batts Hall in rooms 230 and 234. You can also listen to your CD and watch the DVD in the Audio-Visual Library on the third floor of the Undergraduate Library (FAC). There is also a CD-ROM
program for additional practice and review of the material covered in each unit is available in the Batts Language Lab and in the FAC computer lab under the heading RUS 506.

The Language Lab and the Slavic Department (Calhoun 415) also have collections of CDs and DVDs with movies, music, speeches and documentaries from and about Russia and the former Soviet states. These discs are interesting from both a cultural and purely entertainment point of view. They may be checked out for home viewing; see your instructor for suggestions. The Department of Slavic and Eurasian Studies also receives daily live broadcasts of 6Novosti7, the Russian evening news, between 2:30 and 3:30 pm in Calhoun 422. You are invited to drop in to watch the daily news live from Moscow to work on your listening comprehension and gain insight into contemporary Russian life and culture.
RUS 506 COURSE OUTLINE

INTRODUCTION: LIVE FROM MOSCOW!
Thursday, June 2 - Friday, June 3
• Introduction to the course RUS 506 and how to use the materials with Russian: Stage One: Live from Moscow!
• "Learn the Cyrillic Alphabet in 20 Minutes!"
• Begin work with the Textbook and Video

UNIT ONE: LIVE FROM MOSCOW!
Monday, June 6 - Friday, June 10

UNIT TWO: LIVE FROM MOSCOW!
Monday, June 13 - Wednesday, June 15

Unit One and Two Exam: Thursday, June 16

UNIT THREE: LIVE FROM MOSCOW!
Thursday, June 16 - Tuesday, June 21

UNIT FOUR: LIVE FROM MOSCOW!
Wednesday, June 22 - Monday, June 27

Unit Three and Four Exam: Tuesday, June 28

UNIT FIVE: LIVE FROM MOSCOW!
Tuesday, June 28 - Friday, July 1

UNIT SIX: LIVE FROM MOSCOW!
Tuesday, July 5 - Wednesday, July 6

Unit Five and Six Exam: Thursday, July 7

Хорошо отдохнуть!!
Get some rest!