

Добро пожаловать в Русский язык 201! Welcome to Russian 201!

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Course Objectives and Activities:

- 1. Reinforce previously learned grammar and introduce new principles
- 2. Improve fluency in spoken and written Russian, expanding vocabulary and ability to converse and write on a wider range of topics.
- 3. Develop reading and listening skills.
- 4. Increase knowledge of Russian culture through such activities as singing Russian songs, viewing Russian films and discussing Russian traditions and culture.

Required Texts and Materials

- 1. Textbook: Начало, Book Two
- 2. Workbook and Laboratory Manual to accompany Nachalo (one book)
- 3. Listening comprehension tapes and/or CD¹
- 4. Video Guide
- -The video to this textbook is on reserve in the language lab.
- -See handout for instructions on how to access online Workbook listening comprehension and speech exercises

¹ If you purchased a used textbook, please see me – we can make you a CD.

Class Meetings, Expectations, and Our Russian TA

- Classes are conducted in Russian, with occasional forays into English to explain the finer points of Russian grammar and culture.
- You are expected to attend every class meeting, to complete (and hand in) all homework assignments and complete all tests and quizzes. Attendance will be taken every day. Missing more than 3 classes (excused or unexcused) will result in a lower grade.
- This year we have a Russian TA from Moscow!!! Please welcome Evgeny (Zhenya) Bakin!!!! You will have class with him on Wednesdays and Fridays. These are considered regular class periods and he will be taking attendance.

Homework

I will hand out a schedule (расписание) every week. On it you will notice exercises in the workbook that you need to write out and hand-in each class.

Each homework assignment will be graded with a check plus/check/check minus, which correspond to letter grades A, B, C. More than 3 missed homework assignments will lower your grade. Handing in homework late is strongly discouraged. Late homework is given last priority for correction. I will refuse to accept homework assignments that are more than a week late. I will give you back your homework for revision. Those who revise their homework will receive a grade higher on that assignment (unless it is very sloppily done).

Tests and Quizzes

You should expect daily five-minute quizzes (пятиминутные проверки/пятиминутки) on words covered the previous class.

Tests (Контрольные) take place after we have completed two sections of the textbook, which usually works out to be every two weeks. There will be a Mid-term exam and a Final.

Grading

Homework and class participation	30%
Tests	30%
Quizzes	5%
Exams (written portion)	15%
Exams (oral/listening proficiency portion)	15%
Russian Table	5%

Russian Table (Русский стол) You are required to attend Russian table, which is held on Monday 4:30-6:00 in the Refractory.

Russian films You are required to view two Russian films this semester (independently or on assigned viewing days). You will hand in a sheet which asks you question about the film. One of the films («Bop» "The Thief") will be shown September 25, from 6:30-8:30 in 034 Barret.

<u>Other Events</u> Sometimes the Department will sponsor/organize cultural events (trips, oncampus events, etc.). Extra-credit will be granted to those students who attend.

Upcoming events in the Russian Department include:

Russian Department Party	TBA		
Visit to St. Serafim Russian Orthodox Church	11/12/06	Memphis	
"Swan Lake"	12/01/06	Germantown Perf. Arts Center	
"Nutcracker Revisited"	12/15/06 - 12/17/06	Ballet Memphis	