

Russian 306: phonetics

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Course Meetings:

Tue 9:30 – 10:20, Buckman 205

Course Objectives:

- to introduce students to the system of Russian sounds, pronunciation rules, and intonation patterns:
- to provide introductory information on the history of Russian language.

Students will be graded on the basis of the following:

- home assignments and class participation – 40%
- 2 tests – 30%
- quizzes and dictations – 15%
- final – 15%

Syllabus:

- 08/29 Introduction to phonetics. History of the Russian language.
- 09/05 Introduction of Russian sounds. Phonetic transcription.
- 09/12 Russian consonants.
- 09/19 Palatalization. Assimilation (voicing, devoicing, other changes). **Quiz.**
- 09/26 Russian vowels. Accentuation. Reduction.
- 10/03 Russian vowels review. **Quiz.**
- 10/10 Summary of pronunciation rules. **Quiz.**
- 10/24 Test (take-home). Word-stress. Sentence-stress.
- 10/31 Intonation. Phonetic dictation.
- 11/07 Intonation. Phonetic dictation.
- 11/14 Intonation. Phonetic dictation.
- 11/21 Intonation. Phonetic dictation.
- 11/28 Intonation. **Quiz.**
- 12/05 Test (take-home). Review for the final.

Final: TBA