Russian 306: phonetics

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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.
10/31 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