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# РУССКИЙ ЯЗЫК 102

## Второй семестр русского языка

### (RUSSIAN 102)

*Spring 2017*

*Time: MTThF 12:00-12:50*

*Location: LA 234*

*Credits: 4*

**Преподаватель** (Instructor): Алиса (Alice Harris)

**Приёмные часы** (Office Hours): по четвергам и пятницам 9.30-11.00  
Th & F 9:30-11:00 and by appointment.

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#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course continues to introduce students to the Russian language through the use of a textbook, both hard copy & website, supplemental materials and film. Russian 102 fulfills one semester toward the Foreign Language Competency and is required for Russian majors and minors. It is a prerequisite to Russian 201 which will be offered in the autumn.

#### **GOALS AND OUTCOMES:**

In this course the students will learn more fundamentals of the Russian language through the four skills of speaking, listening, writing, and reading. While there will be considerable focus on grammar, the primary aim of the course will be to guide students toward active written and oral communication within various contexts of the target language and culture, using the grammatical structures & vocabulary that we are learning.

#### **CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE:**

It is essential to the learning process that students treat each other and the instructor with respect. Under the Student Conduct Code, students who are found to be disruptive may be asked to leave the classroom. Disruptive behaviors may include but are not limited to:

- Using electronic communication devices, including cell phones and laptops for purposes unrelated to ongoing class activities.
- Carrying on side conversations that are distracting to the instructor and other students.
- Verbally interrupting the class with comments or questions not relevant to the course or to the current discussion.
- Failure to participate in assigned group activities.
- Significantly interfering with instructor's work activities during or outside of class.

## **DISABILITY ACCOMODATIONS:**

If you are a student with a disability who will require reasonable accommodation in this course, please meet with Disability Services for Students in Lommasson 154 for assistance in developing a plan to address program accommodations. If you are already working with Disability Services, then you should arrange to meet with your instructor during her office hours to discuss accommodations that may be necessary.

## **ASSESSMENT:**

**Уча́стие на за́нятиях (Participation):** Active participation is integral to the success of learning a foreign language. The students will periodically receive participation grades of 0-5: 0 for being absent, 1 for being present but incapable of participating (letter grade of D: 65%), 2 for fair participation (letter grade of C: 74%), 3 for good participation (letter grade of B: 83%), 4 for very good quality and quantity of participation (letter grade of A-: 92%), 5 for excellent quality and quantity of participation (letter grade of A: 100%). Tardiness may also have an effect upon daily participation grade. **Each student may be absent four times without his/her grade being significantly affected. After that, each absence will result in an additional two percentage-point deduction from the student's final course grade. If a student does not miss any classes over the course of the semester, two percentage points will be added to her/his final course grade. Please read and sign the attendance policy.**

## **Дома́шнее за́дание (Homework):**

Homework grades are also based on this 0-5 scale. Homework will be collected, corrected in class, or corrected at home with an answer key. Students are encouraged to form study groups and study together, however, any work turned in must be your own. Late homework for each unit will be accepted up until the day of the test but will be marked down one point per day. Students must date all late homework and understand that it will not be graded with priority. Students may miss three homework assignments before missing homework will begin to be calculated into their homework grade. *On homework, students are expected to use the vocabulary & structures we are learning, stretching the Russian they know as far as possible to communicate. Use of translation programs is actively discouraged, and, frankly, unnecessary for this course.*

## **Зачёты/диктанты/контрольные работы/экзамен/устные (Quizzes/dictations/tests/exam/orals):**

1. These must be taken at their scheduled times, i.e they may not be taken early or made up later.
2. Each student may drop his/her lowest quiz and test grade.
3. If a student receives a test or quiz grade lower than 80%, it is highly recommended that s/he make an appointment with the professor in order to review the test or quiz.
4. There are five quizzes over the course of the semester. There will be a quiz over vocabulary of each new lesson we cover approximately 5 days into that lesson. The fifth quiz will be made up of dictations. There will be at least one dictation (10 words ☺) per week. The lowest 1-2 dictation grades will be dropped (depending on the total number of dictations over the semester).
5. There are five tests over the course of the semester: one over review material, the remainder over Lessons 5-8 in the textbook. Since language builds on itself, all tests and the final are cumulative.
6. **ORALS:** There will be three oral exams in second-semester Russian. Students will take an oral proficiency part of of the second and fourth tests of the semester outside of the scheduled class period. The oral portion of tests will be taken in pairs. The oral portion of the final will include memorized recitation of the poem «Людоед и принцесса» (“The Cannibal & the Princess”).

### **Культура (internet projects):**

To become better acquainted with different aspects of Russian culture while using Russian, students will engage in a series of internet projects over the course of the semester. Projects will be assigned on a weekly basis, with class discussion on Fridays or Mondays, depending on when tests fall. All project papers should be kept together in a 2-pocket folder. Folders will be turned in for evaluation two times during the semester: on the Friday BEFORE Spring Break and on the Friday BEFORE the last week of classes.

### **Enrichment opportunities:**

Spring semester provides a wide variety of opportunities to engage with Russian language and culture outside of class! Activities during Spring 2016 include: Russian Club meetings, Russian Club culture nights, MCLL Foreign Language Day, International Festival of Food & Culture, etc. For participating in any of these activities, students receive +1 percentage point (per activity) on the next test. (Up to a total of +3 on any individual test)

**Отметки (Grades)** are calculated according to the following scale:

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 & below	F
83-87	B	70-72	C-		

**Final course grades** will be calculated according to the following percentages:

<b>участие на занятиях</b> (class participation)	15% of final grade
<b>домашнее задание</b> (written homework)	15% of final grade
<b>культура</b> (internet projects)	10% of final grade
<b>зачёты</b> (4 quizzes @ 3% each)	12% of final grade
<b>контрольные работы</b> (4 tests @ 7 % each)	28% of final grade
<b>экзамен</b> (Final exam)	20% of final grade

### **REQUIRED TEXT:**

*Первый круг. Russian Full Circle. A First-Year Russian Textbook.* by Donna Oliver with Edie Furniss. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2013. ISBN: 978-0-300-18283-5. Students are also required to regularly access textbook website: <http://www.russianfirstcircle.com/> (I have heard that the sound files work best through Google Chrome; please let me know if you have other search engines to recommend☺).

### **FILM:**

It is required that you watch the film «Стилляги» (“Hipsters”) outside of class time. We will show the film in the evening on two different dates AFTER Spring Break. If you cannot make it to either viewing, you will be required to watch the film on your own and then come in to discuss it with your instructor during an office hour. The content of the film will be incorporated into classroom discussion, written assignments and/or the final exam

### **RECOMMENDED TEXT(s):**

A book of verb conjugations & a Russian-English/English-Russian dictionary would be very helpful to own. *The Big Silver Book of Russian Verbs* or *501 Russian Verbs* are both good. Katzner’s dictionary is available in paperback & quite affordable. Another useful book may be *English Grammar for Students of Russian*, particularly for explanations of grammatical terms in English.

## **HOMEWORK SCHEDULE:**

Homework schedules will be handed out in class for each unit. As always, the schedule is subject to change. Homework is **DUE** on the dates provided.

If a student is absent s/he must, of course, check whether any changes were made to the scheduled homework. Contact your fellow students, check your university e-mail and/or the class Moodle page.

If you hand in homework late due to an absence, the homework will be considered late. Please label late assignments "XX days late."

A three-ring binder is highly recommended for keeping returned homework, dictations, quizzes and tests in order.

## RUSSIAN 102\*\*\*IMPORTANT DATES Spring 2017

F 3 FEB	<b>КОНТРОЛЬНАЯ 1</b>	101 review
T 14 FEB	<b>ЗАЧЁТ 1</b>	Lesson 5
W 15 FEB	Вечер русской культуры (Международный дом. 18.00—20.00)	
M 20 FEB	<b>ДЕНЬ ПРЕЗИДЕНТОВ—НЕТ ЗАНЯТИЙ</b> (PRESIDENTS' DAY—NO CLASSES)	
TH 23 FEB	<b>КОНТРОЛЬНАЯ 2</b>	Lesson 5 **orals will be the same week**
F 3 MAR	День иностранных языков (Foreign Languages & Literatures Day)	
M 6 MAR	<b>ЗАЧЁТ 2</b>	Lesson 6
T 14 MAR	<b>КОНТРОЛЬНАЯ 3</b>	Lesson 6
W 15 MAR	Вечер русской культуры (Международный дом. 18.00—20.00)	
F 17 MAR	<b>CULTURE PROJECT FOLDERS DUE</b>	<b>(На занятии: ЧАЙ)</b>
20 MAR -- 24 MAR	<b>ВЕСЕННИЕ КАНИКУЛЫ—НЕТ ЗАНЯТИЙ</b> (SPRING BREAK—NO CLASSES)	
TH 30 MAR	<b>ЗАЧЁТ 3</b>	Lesson 7
F 7 APR	<b>КОНТРОЛЬНАЯ 4</b>	Lesson 7 **orals will be the same week**
M 17 APR	<b>ЗАЧЁТ 4</b>	Lesson 8
W 19 APR	Вечер русской культуры (Международный дом. 18.00—20.00)	
TU 25 APR	<b>КОНТРОЛЬНАЯ 5</b>	Lesson 8
F 28 APR	<b>CULTURE PROJECT FOLDERS DUE</b>	
W 10 MAY	10:10-12:10 <b>ЭКЗАМЕН</b> —WRITTEN FINAL EXAM—LA 234	

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## Russian 102

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Absences will only be excused for serious illnesses or university-sponsored events that have been *approved ahead of time* by your Russian instructor. Scheduled doctors' appointments, weddings, colds, etc., will not be excused. It is up to your instructor to determine whether your absence can be excused. If you are someone who gets sick a lot, you might consider taking a language that is not as difficult as Russian. Once students fall behind it is extremely difficult to catch up on the material.

*I have read and understand the above attendance policy for first-year Russian at the University of Montana.*

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Signature

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Date

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Printed name