

*College of Charleston*

# Russian Studies Program

Spring 2020

## Intermediate Russian II RUSS 202 01



## Course syllabus

**Instructor:** Meglena Z. Miltcheva (Professor Maggie)

**Course pre-requisites:** RUSS 201 or placement

**Course goals:** Acquiring the fundamental structures of Russian with emphasis on the basic language skills: listening comprehension and oral expression, reading and writing.

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**Class meeting times:** MWF 11—11:50 AM

**Location:** MYBK 207

### **Instructor contact information**

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4. **Office hours:** MWF 12:00—12:30 PM; TR 10:50 AM—12:00 PM. Other hours by appointment.

**Textbook:** GOLOSA: A Basic Course in Russian, Book Two, 5th Edition, R. M. Robin, K. Evans-Romaine, and G. Shatalina <http://www2.gwu.edu/~slavic/golosa/> You need the Audio link on the right-hand side. The link will take you to the audio files of all listening activities such as conversations, dialogs and listening comprehension Давайте послушаем segments. Textbook, SAM - Student Activities Manual (both required and provided in OAKS)

## **General education student learning outcomes**

This course is part of the General Education requirement for the College. In this course students will do the following:

1. Read Russian;

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2. Write Russian;
  3. Understand Russian;
  4. Use their knowledge of Russian to analyze the perspectives of historical and/or modern cultures that can be obtained only through reading and/or listening to Russian.

Parts of the final exam will be used to assess students' ability to read, write, and understand Russian, as well as to analyze cultural perspectives of the culture.

## **Your rights and responsibilities**

### **You have the right to:**

- a competent education/instruction
- be treated fairly
- question content and process

### **You are responsible for:**

- your own actions
- learning
- respectful treatment of classmates and professor

## **Communication and etiquette**

Email is for questions, concerns, or scheduling meetings in the chat room outside of regularly scheduled office hours. To receive a reply, your email must follow these guidelines:

1. It must be sent from your C of C account.
2. There must be a subject heading which gives me some idea of the nature of the message (e.g., "consultation", "test question").
3. You must sign off your message with your complete name.

## **Testing and final exam**

There will be four (4) 50-minute tests. The dates for the tests are in the schedule. Test make-ups will be allowed for documented absences only. Test make-ups should take place no later than one week after the original test date.

There will be a three-hour written final exam. The date and time are in the calendar.

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There are no exemptions from the exam.

The exam covers the entire semester's work.

**Need help for the SAM or before a test?** The Foreign Languages Tutoring Lab is located in the Library, room 113. You can schedule an appointment by calling 843-953-5635, or go to <http://csl.cofc.edu/>

## My expectations

- **I expect you** to contact me by email and/or voicemail if you are having problems with the course or encounter an emergency that interferes with your course work.
- **I expect you** to attend all classes. Your grade will be reduced if you miss more than four classes without an excuse as follows: for every missed class I will deduct five percent (5%) from your final grade. You will be dropped from the course if you miss more than six classes without an excuse from the office of Student Affairs. To submit an absence memo, go to: <http://studentaffairs.cofc.edu/services/absence.php>
- You will be asked to do a lot of exercises on your own at home (pages indicated in the schedule). Please have these written in the SAM (Student Activities Manual) that I will check regularly. Failure to do this on the dates indicated will reduce your assignment grade. For every day after the deadline date, your grade will drop a full mark (from A to B, from B to C, etc.). **SAM homework will not be accepted if it is more than one week late.** The text and the dialog study are intended to make you speak Russian. Please come prepared. You are responsible for studying the vocabulary on your own, and also for preparing any questions you may have.
- **I expect you** to contact me by email and/or voicemail if you are having problems with the course or encounter an emergency that interferes with your course work.
- **I expect you** to complete the reading and course activities on time.

## Statement on possible College-wide closings due to inclement weather

If the College of Charleston closes and members of the community are evacuated due to inclement weather, students are responsible for taking course materials with them in order to continue with course assignments consistent with instructions provided by faculty. In cases of extended periods of institution-wide closure where students have relocated, instructors may articulate a plan that allows for supplemental academic engagement despite these circumstances.

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## Academic integrity

I enforce **without exception** the College of Charleston's Honor System and Classroom Code of Conduct as provided in the Student Handbook. By choosing to enroll in this course, you indicate that you understand the Honor Code and are going to abide by it. If you are not certain about the definition of plagiarism, ask me. Any student found in violation of the Honor Code will automatically receive an "F" for this course regardless of previous performance therein.

## Disabilities

If there is a student in the class who has a documented disability and has been approved to receive accommodations through SNAP Services, please feel free to discuss this with me either by phone or email.

## Religious accommodations

The College of Charleston acknowledges that religious practices differ from tradition to tradition and that the demands of religious observance in some traditions may cause conflicts with student schedules. The College supports the concept of "reasonable accommodation for religious observance" in regard to class attendance, and the scheduling of examinations and other academic work requirements, unless the accommodation would create an undue hardship on the College. Examples include: rescheduling of an exam or giving a make-up exam for the student in question; altering the time of a student's presentation; allowing extra-credit assignments to substitute for missed class work or arranging for an increased flexibility in assignment dates. **Regardless** of any accommodation that may be granted, **students are responsible for satisfying all academic objectives, requirements and prerequisites as defined by the instructor and by the College.**

## Department mission statement

The Department of German and Russian Studies seeks to provide students with a broad range of courses, degree programs, study abroad opportunities and internships to develop proficiency and cultural literacy in German and Russian. The department's mission is to prepare all students for success as professionals and for life-long critical engagement as global citizens through the study of language, literature and media as an integral part of the liberal arts education.

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## RUSS 202 Conversation course

Looking for more practice? I encourage you to enroll in 1-credit conversation supplements, which meet once a week starting on the 2nd week of the semester. They provide a fun, relaxed (and test free!) atmosphere in which you can practice speaking and listening, using the vocabulary and grammar presented in the RUSS 202 course.

## Final grade breakdown

1. Average of the unit tests—40%
2. Final exam—25%
3. Final project—5%
4. SAM units—10%
5. Vocab quizzes—10% **Note:** you must complete one attempt of the syllabus quiz in order to take the vocab quizzes. You will not be graded on the syllabus quiz!
6. За пределами урока—5%
7. Participation and preparation—5%

## Grading scale

A 96–100 A-91–95 B+87–90 B 83–86

B-80–82 C+76–79 C 73–75 C-70–72

D+68–69 D 66–67 D- 64–65 F <64

## Extra credit

An extra credit assignment can be any one of the following (each potentially adding up to 5 points to your lowest test grade for each half of the semester):

Writing a book or film review (on a Russian film/book) in English (up to two reviews per student)

Attending Russian club meetings/co-sponsored events (both on- and off-campus; three events minimum)

If you are planning on turning in extra credit, keep in mind that I will not be accepting any extra credit assignments after the last day of classes (Wednesday, April 22, 2020).

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As they say in the military, no plan survives first contact, so I will be mindful of any unforeseen circumstances which require that we adjust due dates and other deadlines.

## Course calendar at a glance

- Wednesday, January 8—first class
- Friday, January 17—Tuesday, January 21—Quiz 1
- Friday, January 31—SAM due; «За пределами урока» 1: Третьяковская галерея due
- Monday, February 3—Test 1
- Friday, February 14—Tuesday, February 18—Quiz 2
- Wednesday, February 19 - «За пределами урока» 2: Сочи Адлер отель Надежда due
- Monday, February 24—Test 2; SAM due
- Friday, March 6—Tuesday, March 10—Quiz 3
- Friday, March 6—midterm grades due; last day for students to withdraw with a grade of “W”
- Monday, March 9 - «За пределами урока» 3: Обратная сторона Луны due
- Friday, March 13—SAM due.
- Sunday, March 15—Saturday, March 21—Spring break
- Monday, March 23—Test 3
- Friday, April 3—Tuesday, April 7—Quiz 4
- Wednesday, April 15 - «За пределами урока» 4: Видео Биография Достоевского due
- Monday, April 20—Test 4
- Wednesday, April 22—SAM due; last day; course/instructor evaluations day
- Monday, April 27—final exam (4—7 PM)
- Monday, May 4—final grades due at noon