

**Russian 0410: Advanced Russian II**  
понедельник/среда/пятница, 12:00–12:50  
Cathedral of Learning 130

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Cathedral of Learning 1228, приёмные часы: понедельник/среда, 1:00–2:00

This is an upper-level language course that aims to advance all aspects of Russian fluency, especially the ability to understand and talk about authentic Russian cultural artifacts. By now you have been exposed to most Russian grammatical concepts; in this course we will look at more complex grammatical and idiomatic materials, with the goal of significantly expanding your vocabulary. Special emphasis will be placed on acquainting you with contemporary Russian culture and developing your oral communication skills. The goal is to help you develop confidence and begin to feel more at home conversing in Russian on various topics beyond routine social and survival needs.

Because constant exposure is essential to making progress in a foreign language, you will be expected to read or watch Russian materials on a daily basis. In addition to daily assignments, you will also do independent reading of materials of interest and keep a weekly journal. There will be frequent quizzes, both announced and unannounced.

**Require text:**

Kagan, Olga E., Anna S. Kudyma, and Frank J. Miller: *Russian: From Intermediate to Advanced*. London and NY: Routledge, 2015.

Website: <http://www.russian.ucla.edu/advancedrussian/>

**Grading:**

- 20% attendance/participation
- 20% on-time and satisfactory completion of assignments
- 30% weekly quizzes/tests
- 15% weekly journals
- 15% final project

**Journal requirement:**

Every week, you will write a short (200-300 words) journal entry in Russian. I will suggest topics for you, but you are free to write on any topic related to materials discussed in class. I want the weekly journal to be a fun and useful exercise for you. I will grade the assignment largely by effort, creativity, and evidence of engagement with authentic Russian materials. You will receive one of four grades:

- ✓+: excellent (95-100%)
  - ✓: good (90-95%)
  - ✓-: needs improvement (80-90%)
- Rewrite: please rewrite your entry

Making mistakes is part of the language learning process; you are expected to make mistakes. While I won't correct your mistakes, if they are recurring, I will address them in class. For the sake of your own progress and learning, please do not use Google Translate or other online translators (it's easy for me to check if you used it or not). Plagiarism will result in an F for the assignment and possibly for the course. The journal should be typed in Russian (you can do this phonetically on <http://winrus.com/keyboard.htm> or by changing keyboard settings on your computer) and **posted to CourseWeb by 8 pm each Sunday**. Please make sure you upload the entry by that time; otherwise, it will be considered late.

### **Final Project:**

You will choose a final project to work on throughout the semester. Your project could be interviewing Russians in the community, writing and staging a play, making a movie, or any number of other topics. Regardless of your choice, your final project must include a written component. Your final project should closely align with your interests. The project is worth 15% of your final grade, and it must be approved in advance and designed in consultation with the instructor. On our scheduled final examination day, April 24, 4-5:50pm, you will present your projects in class. Please turn in a one-page, double-spaced proposal in class on February 19.

### **Academic Integrity Statement:**

Cheating/plagiarism will not be tolerated. Students suspected of violating the University of Pittsburgh Policy on Academic Integrity, from the February 1974 Senate Committee on Tenure and Academic Freedom reported to the Senate Council, will be required to participate in the outlined procedural process as initiated by the instructor. A minimum sanction of a zero score for the quiz or exam will be imposed.

### **Disability Resource Statement**

If you have a disability for which you are or may be requesting an accommodation, you are encouraged to contact both your instructor and the Office of Disability Resources and Services, 140 William Pitt Union, 412-648-7890/412-624-3346 (Fax), as early as possible in the term.

### **Email Communication Statement**

Each student is issued a University e-mail address ([username@pitt.edu](mailto:username@pitt.edu)) upon admittance. This e-mail address may be used by the University for official communication with students. Students are expected to read e-mail sent to this account on a regular basis. Failure to read and react to University communications in a timely manner does not absolve the student from knowing and complying with the content of the communications. The University provides an e-mail forwarding service that allows students to read their e-mail via other service providers (e.g., Hotmail, AOL, Yahoo). Students that choose to forward their e-mail from their pitt.edu address to another address do so at their own risk. If e-mail is lost as a result of forwarding, it does not absolve the student from responding to official communications sent to their University e-mail address. To forward e-mail sent to your University account, go to <http://accounts.pitt.edu>, log into your account, click on Edit Forwarding Addresses, and follow the instructions on the page. Be sure to log out of your account when you have finished.

СОДЕРЖАНИЕ КУРСА (возможны изменения)

**1-я НЕДЕЛЯ: Молодёжь и общество**

8 января: новый год

10 января:

12 января

**2-я НЕДЕЛЯ:**

15 января: НЕТ ЗАНЯТИЯ

17 января

19 января

**3-я НЕДЕЛЯ:**

22 января:

24 января

26 января

**4-я НЕДЕЛЯ: Здоровье и вредные привычки**

29 января: CLS

31 января

2 февраля: AATSEEL

**5-я НЕДЕЛЯ:**

5 февраля:

7 февраля:

9 февраля:

(12-18 февраля: Масленица)

**6-я НЕДЕЛЯ:**

12 февраля:

14 февраля:

16 февраля:

**\*16 февраля: экскурсия — балет П. И. Чайковского *Лебединое озеро***

**7-я НЕДЕЛЯ: Политика и общество**

19 февраля:

21 февраля:

23 февраля:

**8-я НЕДЕЛЯ:**

26 февраля:

28 февраля:

2 марта:

ВЕСЕННИЕ КАНИКУЛЫ (5-9 марта)

**10-я НЕДЕЛЯ:**

12 марта:

14 марта:

16 марта:

(18 марта выборы в России)

**11-я НЕДЕЛЯ: Экономика и общество**

19 марта:

21 марта:

23 марта:

**12-я НЕДЕЛЯ:**

26 марта:

28 марта:

30 марта:

**13-я НЕДЕЛЯ:**

2 апреля:

4 апреля:

6 апреля:

**14-я НЕДЕЛЯ: Россия и глобальные проблемы современности**

9 апреля:

11 апреля:

13 апреля:

**15-я НЕДЕЛЯ:**

16 апреля:

18 апреля:

20 апреля: