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Connecticut College
RUS 101 (*Fall 2015*)



Elementary Russian

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Russian 101/Русский 101: Elementary Russian

Fall 2015/Осень 2015 г.
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Добро пожаловать на курс русского языка 101!

Welcome to Russian 101! This course introduces you to the foundations of Russian language and culture through the study of Russian texts, songs, cartoons, music videos, films, literary texts, and popular culture. Throughout the year we will develop speaking, listening comprehension, reading and writing skills, as well as basic cultural literacy. By the end of the academic year you will be able to converse with Russians on everyday topics, complain about your health, recite poems, sing folk songs, make a toast, write a love letter—in short, to communicate in many important and culturally relevant ways.

Enhanced Language Study with iPod 5

In addition to the textbook and workbook, all students will receive an **iPod Touch** loaded with authentic Russian cultural materials—popular and classical music, folk songs, music videos, nursery rhymes, cartoons, poems, podcasts, and lectures—as well as listening drills and exercises.

The purpose of the iPods is three-fold: 1) to make it easy for you to do the listening and speaking exercises that must be done on a regular basis in order for you to develop a good accent; 2) to provide you with a wealth of cultural materials—so fascinating that you will not be able to stop yourself from procrastinating with your iPod, thereby gaining many hours of

exposure to the Russian language and culture; 3) lectures on Russian history and culture in English that will provide you with important background on Russian culture. We will give regular assignments using the cultural materials on your iPod and ask you about your recent discoveries, so please explore the contents often.

Note: The iPods are the property of Connecticut College and function as a “course packet” of curricular materials on loan to you for academic purposes. If you already own a video iPod, you may choose to download the course materials onto your own iPod. However, any copyrighted materials must be deleted from your personal iPod at the end of the course. Any student who does not return an iPod at the end of the course will have a hold placed on his or her account.

Required Texts and Materials

Golosa / Голоса, Book One, Fifth edition¹
SAM = Student activities manual / Workbook to *Голоса*;
iPod materials
Course Website (moodle.conncoll.edu)

Class Meetings and Expectations

Classes are conducted in Russian, with occasional forays into English to explain the finer points of Russian grammar. **You are expected to attend every class meeting and to complete all homework assignments.** Students who miss more than two classes will see the absence negatively reflected in their final grade. Learning a language means constantly building on previous material, and it is extremely difficult to catch up if you fall behind. You will do and turn in homework every day, and do language drills and study vocabulary in short intervals each day. Daily exposure to the language and regular studying is essential; cramming large amounts of material before exams simply does not work when learning a foreign language.

You should be spending an hour to an hour and a half on homework each evening; if you are spending significantly more or less time on homework, please let me know so that I can make adjustments. **You will take written quizzes outside of class and observe the honor code as you do so.**

Homework Assignments and Practice Outside of Class

A detailed homework schedule (расписание) will be handed out in class and available online at the beginning of the first 4 week. You will be assigned certain pages from the textbook each day; read these pages carefully and be prepared to do the assigned exercises and activities in class. Be sure to begin learning new vocabulary and phrases as soon as we begin a new chapter. You will be responsible for and tested on all of the content in each chapter, so **study the material regularly.** Just doing the homework will not be enough.

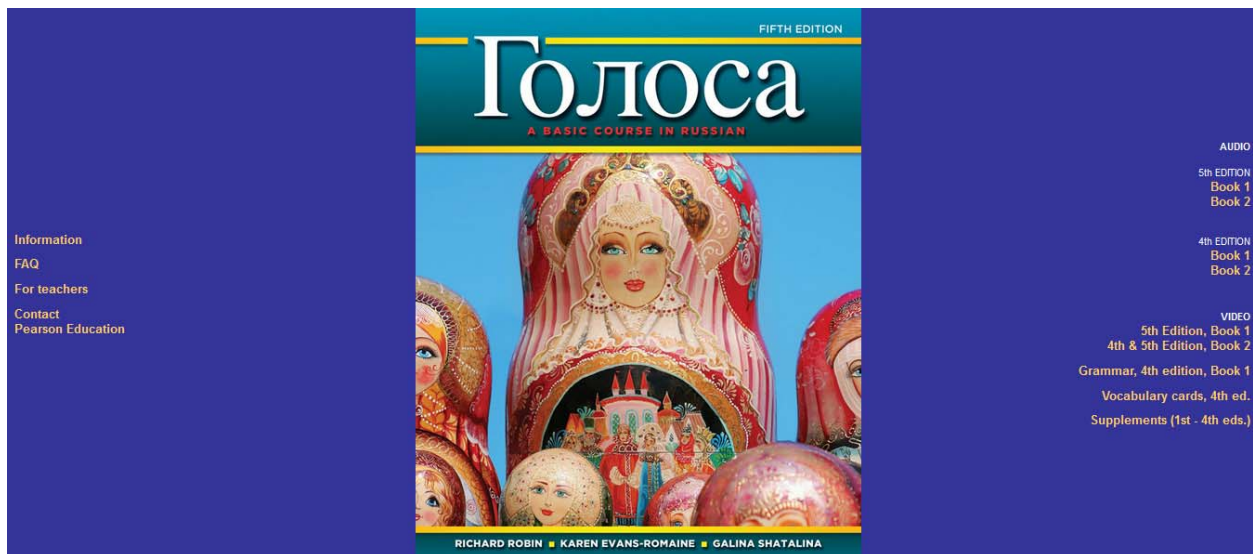
¹ Robin/Evans-Romaine/Shatalina. *Golosa: A Basic Course in Russian*. Book One. 5th edition. Prentice Hall, 2006. Textbook: ISBN 0-13-198628-7. Student Activities Manual: ISBN 0-13-198629-5.

Follow the syllabus carefully and complete all assignments on time. Stacks of old homework are not acceptable. If you get behind for medical or personal reasons, please come to see me as soon as you are able to design a plan to catch up.

Internet Resources for the Course

Web-Companion to Golosa

<http://www.gwu.edu/~slavic/golosa/> (contains the audio of all activities, homework included, from both the textbook and SAM)



Mitrevski's Russian Language Resources

<http://www.pelister.org/index.php/russian-resources/language-learning>

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Evaluation and Grading

Your final grade in the course will be calculated as a combination of effort and achievement. Class participation and homework make up half of your grade and reflect the amount of effort you put into the course; quizzes and exams (i.e., assessments of mastery of the course material) make up the other half.

Participation in class	20%
Homework	30%
Quizzes and chapter tests (written and oral)	30%
Final exam (written and oral)	20%

The **homework will be graded** as follows:

Complete, on time, and at least 90% correct	A
Complete, on time, and 75-89% correct	B
Incomplete, late, and/or less than 75% correct	C
Minimal effort and serious errors	D
Not submitted	F

Late homework will not be accepted without a legitimate excuse. Your two lowest homework grades will be dropped when calculating the final grade.

Quizzes and Chapter Tests. We will have regularly vocabulary quizzes, plus unannounced pop quizzes on the material assigned for homework. These will be brief “checks” so see how well you are mastering the material.

The Final Exam will focus on grammar and vocabulary presented throughout the semester. A study guide will be distributed in advance of the final exam to help you prepare. Make sure to review the unit tests in preparing for the final exam.

The Connecticut College Honor Code

Academic integrity is of the utmost importance in maintaining the high standards of scholarship in our community. Academic dishonesty is considered to be a serious offense against the community and represents a significant breach of trust between the professor, classmates, and the student. There are many forms of academic dishonesty including plagiarism, submitting the same work in two courses without prior approval, unauthorized discussion or distribution of exams or assignments, and offering or receiving unauthorized aid on exams or graded assignments. Students violating the Honor Code may be referred to the college's Honor Council for resolution.

Campus Resources

We have many resources on campus to help you and to enrich your study of Russian:

1. **The Language and Culture Center (LCC)** is located on the first floor of Blaustein, across from Ernst Common Room. The LCC supports students of foreign languages by providing access to international magazines and films, dictionaries, books on language learning and foreign cultures, and online resources. The LCC has comfortable media viewing lounges equipped with multiregional DVD players and VCRs, a booth for recording audio and practicing pronunciation and speaking, and computers for individual study or group work. LCC staff is comprised of speakers and students of foreign languages who host drop-in conversation practice and special cultural events. If you are looking for a particular language-related resource, assistance with language learning technology, or information on supplementing your language study with out-of-class practice, please stop by the Blaustein 102 and talk to Laura Little, who manages the center. She can also be reached at laura.little@conncoll.edu.

LCC Fall 2015 Hours

Monday - Thursday: 10 a.m. - midnight

Friday - Saturday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sunday: 2 p.m. - midnight

2. **Русский стол (Russian table) in Knowlton Dining Hall.** The Russian language table in Knowlton is a great place to practice Russian over lunch. Slavic Studies faculty and students have lunch regularly in Knowlton, so you will have lots of opportunities for practice! Hours of operation are M-F, 11:00-1:30, so plan to eat lunch there before or after class several times per week.

3. **Tutoring.** Tutoring will be available this semester through the Language and Culture Center, as well as through the Academic Resource Center. Drop-in tutoring hours at the LCC will be announced after the start of classes. **Our Russian language fellows** this year are **Kaitlin Cunningham** (kcunnin1@conncoll.edu) and **Julia Panter** (jpanter@conncoll.edu). The Language Fellows' primary duties are designing and running co-curricular events and support the language program; they also help with Russian tutoring on an as needed basis.

4. **Славянский клуб (Slavic Cultures Club):** This is a student-led organization registered with the Student Government Association that sponsors Slavic events. In the past, Slavic Club members have organized trips to neighboring cities to attend Russian lectures, operas, or theater performances, as well as film series and Slavic dinners. They have also sponsored film series and invited speakers to campus. Please consider joining!

5. **Slavic Department faculty and other Russian speakers on campus.** The Slavic Studies faculty are Andrea Lanoux, Petko Ivanov, Laura Little, Tony Lin, Christopher Colbath, and Eileen Kane (History). Other Russian speakers on campus include Jane Dawson (Government), students with native Russian, as well as students in Slavic Studies. Don't be afraid to ask for help!

Other Campus Resources

Academic Resource Center

The Academic Resource Center (ARC) offers services to support your academic work such as study skills workshops, time management, coaching and tutoring. The ARC is located in Main Street West (The Plex). You can drop by or call [860-439-5294](tel:860-439-5294) for more information or to schedule an appointment.

The Roth Writing Center

The Roth Writing Center provides one-to-one peer tutoring (free of charge) to help student writers of all abilities during all stages of the writing process. To make an appointment, call 860-439-2173 or stop by the Writing Center at 214 Blaustein. If you're a confident, experienced writer, tutors can help you to push your ideas and polish your style; if you're a relatively inexperienced and not-so-confident writer, they can also help work on grammar, organization, or anything you need. Writing Center tutors are trained to help you think through writing. Working with a tutor gives you the opportunity to share your work-in-progress with an actual reader, so that you can get useful feedback on that work *before* you have to turn it in for a final grade. For further information, visit the Writing Center web page at <http://write.conncoll.edu/>.

Office of Student Accessibility Services

If you have a physical, mental or learning disability, either hidden or visible, which may require classroom, test-taking, or other reasonable modifications, please see me as soon as possible. If you have not already done so, please be sure to register with the Office of Student Accessibility Services. You can do so by going to the Office of Student Accessibility Services, which is located in the Academic Resource Center (ARC) on the second floor of Shain Library in Room 236, or by contacting the Office at 860-439-5240 or 860-439-5428, or by email to sas@conncoll.edu.

Office Hours and Advising

Office hours will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00-2:00, and by appointment. Questions or concerns addressed via e-mail will be answered within 24 hours of receiving your message.

Electronic Device Policy

The use of electronic devices (laptops, cell phones, etc.) in our classroom is subject to approval of the instructors. *Texting is welcomed* as long as it is done in Russian, using Cyrillic and Cyrillic only.

Желаем больших успехов!

Can you learn **RUSSIAN?**

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