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Russian 101 - Self Instructional Language Program (SILP)

Course Objectives and Syllabus

Term: **Year:**

Instructor:

Tel.:

Email:

Office Hours:

Description:

Russian 101 meets **three hours** per week with a weekly one hour cyberspace lab requirement. The focus of this course, and all courses in the SILP program, is the acquisition of oral skills. During class time you should expect your teacher to speak entirely in Russian and to focus on drilling you on core conversations and phrases that you have learned at home. The SILP curriculum demands tremendous commitment on the part of the student. In order to successfully complete the course students should expect to not only come to every class meeting, acquire one lab hour weekly, but to study at least 10 hours a week.

Texts:

Live from Russia Volume 1, (text, workbook, cassette tape and video tape), Davidson, Gor et al. ACTR, 2008

EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOME

Students who come prepared to class every day and who actively participate can expect to:

1. Be able to read and write in Russian in both cursive and, and printed letters.
2. Understand the spoken language within the scope of the discussed topics.
3. Communicate with others using the Present and Past Tense verb forms in the following situations: introduce yourself, greet people in formal and informal settings, read a map, inquiring about a place, and also indicating a location, ask about one's profession or occupation, make a phone call, express ownership, describe one's family and home, discuss food and dietary habits, talk about languages people speak and to what extent, and lastly discuss daily activities.

Evaluations:

All instructors in the SILP program evaluate students on a weekly basis. Students may consult these evaluations by coming to the Foreign Language office and asking to see the Russian Language binder. As there are no formal tests or quizzes in the SILP program, weekly evaluations have been established in order to provide written feedback to students. Remember you cannot drop this course after the sixth week of the term and so should take particular care to read your weekly evaluations, stay up to date on your lab hours and take the time to rectify any weaknesses indicated on your weekly evaluations.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

1) Attendance policy:

Attendance is mandatory. Students are allowed to miss **no more than 10%** of their **total class/lab time** during the term. Students who exceed the maximum number of allowable absences will not be scheduled for a final oral exam and consequently will fail the course.

2) Drop policy:

Drexel University allows students to drop a course through the end of the sixth week of the term. This means that you will not be allowed to drop a course, even if you are failing, after the sixth week. The number of times you have already been absent, the status of your lab hours, the result of your midterm testing, and your weekly evaluations are the best guide to decide whether you should drop the course.

3) Cyberspace lab:

Russian 101 students are required to go to work on their listening and reading skills with the material provided on their WebCT site for Russian 101. Students need to spend 10 hours per term on the activities assigned in cyberspace. WebCT can be accessed through [BbVista at Drexel](#) or on [DrexelOne](#) by clicking on "My Courses".

Your instructor will check cyber space hours during the third, fifth and eighth week of the term. All students must complete their WebCT requirement in order to be eligible for the final exam. **WebCT hours are to be completed by 5pm on the Friday before final exams .**

4) Midterm:

Students in Russian 101 will be given the chance to take a practice oral midterm exam. This exam is designed to give students an opportunity to become familiar with the format of the final exam and to be evaluated by someone other than their teacher. The results of the midterm are intended to help you assess your performance but will have no bearing on your final grade.

5) Final exam and grade:

Your entire grade will be determined by your final oral exam. This exam is given on either Friday, Saturday or Sunday of the 10th week of the term (before the rest of the University begins final exams) by the University? outside examiner. If a student fails to show up at their appointed time they risk not being able to take a final oral exam.

** Except under highly unusual circumstances students who exceed the maximum number of allowable absences and/or who fail to complete their lab hours are not eligible to take the final oral. **Remember, the final oral exam constitutes the entire grade for the course.***

GRADE BREAKDOWN:

Final Oral Exam (100%)

GRADING: A + : 98-100, A: 93-97, A - : 90-92; B + : 87-89, B: 83-86, B - : 80-82; C + : 77-79, C: 73-76, C - : 70-72; D + : 67-69, D: 63-66, D - : 60-62.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY: See the Drexel Student Handbook for [Academic Dishonesty](#).

OTHER RESOURCES:

Coaching and The Conversation Network:

All Drexel Russian language students are eligible for one free hour of coaching per week. You may sign up for coaching through DLC in 050 Creese or on their website <http://www.dlc.drexel.edu/>. Coaching is an excellent opportunity for ALL students, both those doing well and those in need of assistance, to improve their language skills.

Through the English Language Center, located on the first floor of the Language and Communication Center, Russian language students may sign up for a conversation partner. The Conversation Network is designed to give Drexel students an opportunity to meet and converse with a foreign student who has come to Drexel to learn English. This program is not designed to replace daily preparation for class, but rather can provide a forum for informal student interaction.

Students may sign up for the Conversation Network by stopping by the English Language Center, or sending an e-mail to: Conversation.Network@drexel.edu or by phoning them at (215) 895-2022.

Drexel University encourages all students to study and/or work abroad as part of their academic program. Available options include:

1. Intensive Language Study Abroad:

Various programs are available, primarily in the summer. Prior completion of Level 103 is required for recommendation by the Foreign Language Programs. Information is available at the Foreign Language Programs office (210 LCC), in the IAS Office (MacAlister 2024), and in the Office of International Programs (Randell 230).

2. Co-op and Internships Abroad:

Drexel Abroad programs in languages and the liberal arts are administered by the director of International Area Studies and include study-internship programs in Europe and intensive language programs in China, Japan and Russia. They require junior status, with a 3.0 average (3.5 for pre-juniors), completion of level 203 of the target language (except in London), and at least two upper-division courses in history, politics and sociology. Internships in Belgium are with the European Parliament, and in other countries with multinational corporations or with organizations and agencies in a variety of disciplines.

3. International Programs:

The Office of International Programs offers a number of discipline-specific programs abroad (most of which do not require substantive language skills), including the opportunity for Drexel students in a variety of majors to study/co-op in London. More information is available by emailing the Study Abroad office at: studyabroad@drexel.edu or by contacting Daniela Ascarelli, Study Abroad Coordinator at (215) 895-1704.

Syllabus (Russian 101): SILP

Live from Moscow: Volume 1 Textbook, Volume 1 Workbook

<u>Week</u>	<u>Session</u>	<u>Lesson Plan</u>
Week 1	Session 1 Session 2	Introductory Unit Day 1 Introduction Day 2

Week 2	Session 1 Session 2	Introduction Day 3 Introduction Day 4
Week 3	Session 1 Session 2	Introduction Day 5 Unit 1 Day 1
Week 4	Session 1 Session 2	Unit 1 Day 2 Unit 1 Days 3-4
Week 5	Session 1 Session 2	Unit 1 Days 5-6 Unit 1 Days 8-9
Week 6	Session 1 Session 2	Unit 1 Day 7 Unit 2 Days 1-2
Week 7	Session 1 Session 2	Unit 2 Day 3 Unit 2 Day 4
Week 8	Session 1 Session 2	Unit 2 Day 5 Unit 2 Day 6
Week 9	Session 1 Session 2	Unit 2 Day 7 Unit 2 Day 8
Week 10	Session 1 Session 2	Unit 2 Day 9 Final review

*** Completed language lab log (10 hours) due in Foreign Language office by 2pm last day of term.**

Final exams will be held on Friday, Saturday or Sunday following the tenth week of the term (before the rest of the University begins final exams). If a student fails to show up at their appointed time they risk not being able to take a final oral exam. **Remember, the final oral exam constitutes the entire grade for the course.**