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**Russian 201 - Self Instructional Language Program (SILP)**

**Course Objectives and Syllabus**

**Term:**           **Year:**

**Instructor:**

**Tel.:**

**Email:**

**Office Hours:**

**Prerequisite:** Completion of Russian 103 or placement into Russian 201.

**Description:**

Russian 201 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. The final exam is entirely oral. 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. Homework is a must, and considered an integral part in the process of learning Russian. At this level students have significantly enriched their vocabulary and deepened the knowledge of grammar; they should be able to use the three tenses of the verb, verbal aspect, nominative, genitive, dative, accusative and prepositional cases of nouns, personal, possessive and demonstrative pronouns, some interrogative pronouns and adjectives. At this point it is crucial to work hard on every aspect: oral drills in the lab, listening comprehension in the lab and at home and written practice. Students who ignore written homework will have difficulty in using their vocabulary on the new level of grammar.

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 and Volume 2*, (text, workbook, cassette tape and video tape), Davidson, Gor et al. ACTR, 2008

**Goals:**

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

- \*Talk about themselves, their age, school, major, academic route: course schedule, grades, exams, etc.
- \*Discuss movies, talk about making movies, tell about favorite films, actors, directors, etc.
- \*Talk specifically about plans for the week.
- \*Count different items, express quantity of numerous things.
- \*Discuss prices, money, and tell time.
- \*Talk about what you intend to buy at a store or discuss renting an apartment.

\*Talk very specifically when things happened, express the duration of given actions and indicate how long it has been since something happened using all tenses of the verb, the qualifiers with the nouns, pronouns in the corresponding cases.

\*Make requests and give commands using imperative mood: formal and informal forms, offer suggestions, and advise as well as responding to requests, commands, etc.

\*Express obligation to do something in the past or future, grant or deny permission, implicitly and explicitly articulate disapproval, warning, joy and some other feelings in different everyday situations.

### **Attendance policy:**

Attendance is mandatory at all SILP drill session. 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 be asked to drop the course, and will not be allowed to take the final exam and consequently will fail the course.

### **Cyberspace lab:**

Russian 201 students are required to go to work on their listening and reading skills with the material provided on their WebCT site for Russian 201. 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.**

### **Final Exam:**

**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's outside examiner. If a student fails to show up at their appointed time they will fail the course. **No retakes are allowed for missed final oral exams.** In order to take the final oral exam students must fulfill all of the requirements of the course including: no more than four absences, on time completion of the language laboratory requirement (due in the Foreign Language office by 2 PM on the last day of the term)

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:studyabroad@drexel.edu) or by contacting Daniela Ascarelli, Study Abroad Coordinator at (215) 895-1704.

**Syllabus (Russian 201): SILP**

***Live from Moscow: Volumes 1-2 Textbook, Volumes 1-2 Workbook***

<u>Week</u>	<u>Session</u>	<u>Lesson Plan</u>
Week 1	Session 1	Unit 7 Day 1
	Session 2	Unit 7 Day 2
Week 2	Session 1	Unit 7 Day 3
	Session 2	Unit 7 Day 4

Week 3	Session 1 Session 2	Unit 7 Day 5 Unit 7 Days 6
Week 4	Session 1 Session 2	Unit 7 Day7 Unit 7 Day 8
Week 5	Session 1 Session 2	Unit 7 Day 9 Unit 7 Review
Week 6	Session 1 Session 2	Unit 8 Day 1 Unit 8 Day 2
Week 7	Session 1 Session 2	Unit 8 Day 3 Unit 8 Day 4
Week 8	Session 1 Session 2	Unit 8 Day 5 Unit 8 Day 6
Week 9	Session 1 Session 2	Unit 8 Day 7 Unit 8 Day 8
Week 10	Session 1 Session 2	Unit 8 Day 9 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.**