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**Russian 301 - Self Instructional Language Program (SILP)
Course Objectives and Syllabus**

Instructor:

Tel.:

Email:

Prerequisite: Completion of Russian 203 or placement into Russian 301.

Description: Russian 301 meets three hours per week with a weekly two hour lab requirement. The focus of this course, and all courses in the SILP program, is the acquisition of oral skills. The final will be completely 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. Students of 301 will be watching one of the modern Russian film, and discuss the plot and main characters. They are encouraged to think about what might happen if one of the characters had not done something, etc. Different assignments, for example, retelling the story from the point of view of every character, give the students an excellent opportunity to practice, and reinforce different communicative models, and vocabulary as well as 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, go to the language lab 2 hours per week, 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

This course is a continuation of RUSS 203, meant to complete the text from the point where the student stopped before.

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

- * Be able to talk fluently using Idiomatic Russian and express their opinions about most subjects associated with their life.
- * Describe feelings and attitudes in detail in the past and future tenses.
- * Make comparisons, and acknowledge similarities.

*Talk about food, Placement and Position, Measurement, housing accommodations, Indefinite Pronouns and Adverbs.

*Describe the appearance and character of different people, make an advertisement and fill up applications.

*Discuss in detail the content of books, movies, and plays.

*At the end of every unit be able to write a short composition.

*Watch and understand Russian news, and movies.

Attendance policy: Attendance is mandatory at all SILP drill session. Students are allowed to miss **no more than four classes** 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.

Language lab: Russian 301 students are required to go to the language lab two hours per week. The language lab is located in MacAlister 2023. Before leaving the lab students should have the lab monitor sign their language lab sheet. No food or drink is permitted in the lab. Students are expected to work with their Russian language tapes, practicing speaking skills and taking advantage of the dual track system available in the lab. This dual track system will allow you to record your voice and compare it to the speech on your lab tapes.

Your instructor will check your language lab log sheets during the third, fifth and eighth week of the term. All students must complete their language lab requirement in order to be eligible for the final exam. **Language Lab logs are due in the Modern Language office by 2 PM on the last day of the term.**

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 Modern 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 Main 201 or on their website 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 Modern Language Programs. Information is available at the Modern Language Programs office (LCC 210), 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.

*** Completed language lab log (20 hours) due in Modern Language office by 2pm on the last day of the 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.