



Faculty of Arts
School of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures and Cultures

RUSS 201-01
Introductory Russian I
Fall 2022
Via Zoom
MWF 9:00-9:50

COURSE OUTLINE

INSTRUCTOR'S NAME: Elena Bratishenko

OFFICE HOURS: F 11:00-11:50 via Zoom (link on D2L)

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DESCRIPTION

This beginner language course introduces students to the specifics of Russian pronunciation and intonation, the Cyrillic alphabet, and the main concepts of Russian grammar as they correspond to or differ from English, as well as basic vocabulary. Since the course lays a foundation for the further study of Russian, special attention is paid to the understanding and recognition of the grammatical categories unfamiliar to speakers of English, such as gender and case of nouns and adjectives, conjugation of verbs and the notion of grammatical agreement. In-class activities include oral comprehension and communication exercises and drills facilitating the acquisition of all the necessary language skills.

The content and the format of the course meet the standards of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. The course will thus serve as a starting point on the road to certification within the Framework (now available in Canada) opening opportunities for employment that require the knowledge of Russian all over the world.

OBJECTIVES

- to learn the Cyrillic alphabet
- to learn pronunciation of Russian sounds, stress and intonation patterns
- to learn the cursive writing
- to gain understanding of the parts of speech, grammatical categories and sentence structure

OUTCOMES

Students will be able to read words and simple phrases and sentences; will have practiced Russian pronunciation dynamics and understand how it is represented in writing; acquire some basic grammar and vocabulary enabling them to have short conversations on everyday topics in Russian, to follow simple written texts and to express themselves in writing within the limits of the covered material. They will become acquainted with various aspects of Russian culture, traditions and worldview in the context of the language, get glimpses into Russian history, and gain familiarity with contemporary Russia.

REQUIRED COURSE MATERIALS

1. Rochtchina, Julia. *Sputnik. An Introductory Russian Language Course*. Part I. TLTNetwork Inc.
2. Rochtchina, Julia. *Sputnik. Workbook*. TLTNetwork Inc.

RECOMMENDED COURSE MATERIALS

Cruise, Edwina J. *English Grammar for Students of Russian*.

COURSE NOTES

Students with prior knowledge of Russian must consult the undergraduate program advisor (Dr.



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Olga Mladenova (mladeno@ucalgary.ca) in order to be placed in a course suitable for their level. Students are advised that misrepresenting their level of Russian language knowledge constitutes academic dishonesty and will be dealt with as such.

Students need to have reliable access to technology, as follows:

- A computer with a supported operating system, as well as the latest security, and malware updates;
- A current and updated web browser;
- Webcam/Camera (built-in or external);
- Microphone and speaker (built-in or external), or headset with microphone;
- Current antivirus and/or firewall software enabled;
- Stable internet connection

Since this is a language class, the use of video during the class is strongly recommended, as it not only helps the class dynamics, but also allows the instructor to gage the students' reaction, which helps to prevent potential problems with absorbing the material.

Regular attendance and active participation in class activities are expected and encouraged. The instructor should be informed of any reasons for prolonged absence.

Written assignments are due for submission on Monday of the following week at the latest. They should be uploaded to the Dropbox for the corresponding week on D2L in PDF format. (Please make sure that your scans/photos are of good quality.) Online interactive exercises should be done immediately after they are assigned. Each student needs to register in the course on Sputnik website in order for the instructor to follow their progress. Other homework assignments, such as reading/reviewing the grammatical explanations, should be completed by the next class. Regular homework is of utmost importance in order to follow the pace and succeed in this course. **Use of Google translate or any other online translators, software or apps is not allowed. Work submitted for grading should be done solely by the student.**

It is the student's responsibility to find out from other students and from D2L (the homework assigned for that day is a good source of information) what material was covered if they miss a class.

The unit tests will take place synchronously during the assigned class time on **October 7, November 4, and December 7. No aids are allowed.** The test will be made available on D2L; you will do it using a pen and your own sheet of paper. Once the test is ready for submission, you will scan and upload it to the designated Dropbox. Those students for whom the timing will not work (e.g., childcare or other reasons) can request alternative timing by speaking to the instructor and will be provided with a different option or different assessment. Missed tests will result in the grade of 0. Special consideration may be given due to extenuating circumstances.

Please refer to D2L for additional information, such as the tentative syllabus, and on-going information, such as homework assignments, and tests review topics. No e-mail inquiries regarding information available on D2L or in this outline will be answered.

ASSESSMENT

Tests (3)	45%
Homework assignments	35% (30% hand-in assignments & 5% <i>Sputnik</i> website exercises)
Class participation	20%

There will be no final exam.



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GRADING SCALE

A 92-100	B 72-77	C 62-65	D 50-53
A- 85-91	B- 70-73	C- 58-61	F 0-49

INTEGRITY AND CONDUCT

All members of the University community have a responsibility to familiarize themselves with the Statement on Principles of Conduct, and to comply with the University of Calgary Code of Conduct and Non-Academic Misconduct policy and procedures (available at: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>).

Academic misconduct

Academic Misconduct refers to student behaviour which compromises proper assessment of a student's academic activities and includes: cheating; fabrication; falsification; plagiarism; unauthorized assistance; failure to comply with an instructor's expectations regarding conduct required of students completing academic assessments in their courses; and failure to comply with exam regulations applied by the Registrar.

For information on the Student Academic Misconduct Policy and Procedure please visit:

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/university-policies-procedures/student-academic-misconduct-policy>

Additional information is available on the Academic Integrity Website at <https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/learning/academic-integrity>

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND COPYRIGHT LEGISLATION

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY (FOIP) ACT

Graded assignments will be retained by the Department for three months and subsequently sent for confidential shredding. Final examinations will be kept for one calendar year and subsequently sent for confidential shredding. Said material is exclusively available to the student and to the department staff requiring to examine it. Please see <https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/access-information-privacy> for complete information on the disclosure of personal records.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations according to the University policies and procedures listed below. The student accommodation policy can be found at:

<https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/access/prospective-students/academic-accommodations> .

Students needing an Accommodation because of a Disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities:

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/university-policies-procedures/student-accommodation-policy>

Students needing an Accommodation in relation to their coursework or to fulfil requirements for a graduate degree, based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to their Instructor or the Department Head/Dean or to the designated contact person in their



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FACULTY OF ARTS PROGRAM ADVISING AND STUDENT INFORMATION RESOURCES

Have a question, but not sure where to start?

The Arts Students' Centre is the overall headquarters for undergraduate programs in the Faculty of Arts. The key objective of this office is to connect students with whatever academic assistance they may require.

In addition to housing the Associate Dean (Undergraduate Programs and Student Affairs) and the Associate Dean (Teaching, Learning & Student Engagement), the Arts Students' Centre is the specific home to:

- Program advising
- Co-op Education Program
- Arts and Science Honours Academy
- Student Help Desk

Location: Social Sciences Room 102

Phone: 403-220-3580

Email: ascarts@ucalgary.ca

Website: <https://arts.ucalgary.ca/current-students/undergraduate>

For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at 403-210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Tower.

Contacts for the Students' Union Representative for the Faculty of Arts: arts1@su.ucalgary.ca, arts2@su.ucalgary.ca, arts3@su.ucalgary.ca, arts4@su.ucalgary.ca.

INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

Devices such as laptops and tablets are allowed provided that they are used exclusively for instructional purposes and do not cause disruption to the instructor and to fellow students. Cellular telephones, blackberries and other mobile communication tools are not permitted and must be switched off.

SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

Links to information that is not course-specific related to student wellness and safety resources can be found on the Office of the Registrar's website: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines>.