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**INTENSIVE RUSSIAN II  
RUS 611c  
COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Русский язык и русская культура**

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**Учебник:** • Dolgova and Martin. *Russian: Stage Two: Welcome Back! 3rd ed.*, (Dubuque, IA: Kendall/Hunt Publishing Co., 2010). This packaged set comprises one basic textbook, two workbooks, two audio CDs, and one DVDs. Available at the University Co-op.

**Дополнительные материалы:** • Russian/English Dictionary, such as Katzner, or Oxford.  
• Gerhart, G., *The Russian's World*, Orlando: Houghton Mifflin, 1994.  
• Garza, T., *Fundamentals of Russian Verbal Conjugation for Teachers and Students*, Dubuque, IA: Kendall/Hunt and ACTR Publications, 1993.

**Добро пожаловать** на курс RUS 611c! Надеемся, что вы хорошо отдохнули, и что вы ещё помните много слов и выражений по–русски! Вы уже хорошо знаете русскую грамматику и много полезных глаголов. Теперь, вам пора больше говорить и читать по–русски! В этом семестре, мы будем продолжать нашу работу с учебником, но и будем читать любимые книги, статьи, и рассказы. Дальше, мы будем много слушать и смотреть телепередачи и видеоклипы из самых популярных русских фильмов. Вы будете готовить материалы для вашего «портфеля», и писать короткие резюме о книге, которую вы выберете и будете читать самостоятельно. Словом, мы будем много работать, но будет и весело и продуктивно! К маю, вы будете хорошо понимать, читать, слушать, писать, и – конечно – говорить по–русски! Итак, начали!

## I. GENERAL

*Содержание курса:* This course is the second semester of intensive Russian language instruction developing functional proficiency in listening, speaking, and reading. Writing will be developed both through workbook home assignments and brief reviews and summaries of your reading material. We will cover all of the basic textbook, Units One through Unit Ten, plus an introductory unit, in the textbook, spending about seven class days on each unit. In addition, this course aims to develop your reading skills through both in-class reading assignments, and individual “free reading” based on a text of your choosing. Portfolio exercises will continue to develop your computer literacy skills – in Russian – for you to be truly functionally proficient and competitive in the language, as well as chronicle your progress in your independent reading project throughout the course.

*Требования курса:*

### •Attendance Policy• •Посещаемость•

Because of the intensive nature of this course, you are expected to attend daily classes regularly, participate actively in class, do all assigned coursework, and take all exams. You will be allowed a maximum of five (5) unexcused absences during the semester. More than 5 (five) unexcused absences will result in the lowering of your final course grade by a diacritical (a B+ goes to a B, a B to a B-, etc.); more than 8 (eight) absences will result in a grade lowered by a letter. Absences for the observance of religious holidays will be considered excused.

### •Homework• •Домашние задания•

A Course Syllabus for the entire semester, briefly describing goals and in-class activities, is found on pp. xiii - xx in your *Textbook*. Corresponding homework assignments for each daily class meeting are found in the *Workbook*. **PREPARING AND HANDING IN DAILY HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS IS ESSENTIAL TO PASS THE COURSE!** This means that you should go over and be familiar with this material (or prepare relevant questions) in advance of class. You are also responsible for learning all of the words and expressions contained in the texts and exercises covered in the Course Syllabus that appear in **non-italic** type in the vocabulary lists at the end of each unit. **You should plan to spend about two to three hours of preparation for each hour spent in the classroom.** If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to contact your instructor or another student and find out what was covered and make up the missed work.

•**Accommodations**• If you have extenuating physical circumstances, all instructors in the Department of Slavic and Eurasian Studies will make themselves available to discuss appropriate academic accommodations that you may require as a student with a disability. Before course accommodations will be made, students may be required to provide documentation to the Office of the Dean of Students -- Services for Students with Disabilities.

•**Тестирование**• There will be five in-class one-hour tests and a final scheduled examination for this course. The in-class tests, each covering two units, will be given on **February 8, February 27, March 25, April 11, and April 30**. The comprehensive final exam will be given during the University's exam period: May 8-14.

## II. GRADING / ОТМЕТКИ

There are five components of your final course grade. These components and their relative weights are:

### **1. Тестирование: 30%**

Unit tests: 15%

Final exam: 15%

Because of the time constraints and pace of this course, make-ups on any of the tests will be given only in unusual cases with extenuating circumstances.

### **2. Домашнее задание: 15%**

Written homework or in-class quizzes (e.g., vocabulary, grammar checks, etc.) will be graded on a credit (✓) / no credit (X) basis. All assignments from the Workbook must be turned in on the class day after being assigned; a "no credit" assignment may be resubmitted for credit on the following day after being returned to the student.

Your homework grade will be the percentage of "credit" assignments you submit during the term. **HAND IN HOMEWORK ON TIME IF YOU WANT IT TO COUNT!**

### **3. Активное участие: 15%**

Your instructor determines this component as a reflection of your overall preparedness and performance in class; it is NOT merely an attendance grade. You are expected to a) attend class daily, yes, but also b) prepare assigned material in advance for each class, and c) respond readily in class with reasonable accuracy and, of course, *с энтузиазмом!*

### **4. "Портфель": 20%**

The Portfolio is an integral part of this course and of your assessment in it. It consists of materials that you produce during the course of the semester – both through a variety of web-based assignments, and through your own work, including interim reports on your independent reading project. You should maintain the portfolio – physically – in a binder or folder that will be checked periodically throughout the semester. At the end of the course, you will submit the entire portfolio for assessment.

### **5. Презентация: 20%**

During the course of the semester, each student will give an oral commentary based on the individually-chosen reading undertaken during the term. The report will be, of course, in Russian and should be **five minutes** in length. Following the oral report, the presenter will field questions from other class members. These presentations will be scheduled periodically from **March to the end of the course.**

The result of these calculations will be a number on a scale of 0-100. This numerical grade will be converted to a letter grade as follows:

98 – 100 = A (+) 78 – 79 = C+

94 – 97 = A 74 – 77 = C

90 – 93 = A- 70 – 73 = C-  
88 – 89 = B+ 68 – 69 = D+  
84 – 87 = B 64 – 67 = D  
80 – 83 = B- 60 – 63 = D-  
59 and below = F

### III. SUPPLEMENTARY AND ONLINE RESOURCES

Your *Textbooks* and *Workbooks* come with CDs and DVDs that accompany the exercises for each unit, indicated by a "headphones" and "camera" symbol, respectively. You will greatly enhance your own listening comprehension of Russian by using to these discs in your player or laptop as often as possible. There is also an on-line supplement to your *Textbooks* at [www.livefromrussi.org](http://www.livefromrussi.org). Login information to this essential site is on the fly page of your book. Throughout the semester, a number of relevant music, film, and audio files will be made available to you on the class' Blackboard site, "RUS 601c." The more you expose yourself to these materials, the faster you will begin to acquire a native-like "ear" for Russian sounds and significantly improve your aural comprehension and pronunciation of the language. The Department of Slavic and Eurasian Studies (Calhoun 415) also has collections of DVD movies, music, speeches and documentaries from and about Russia and the former Soviet states. These films are interesting from both a cultural and purely entertainment point of view. They may be checked out for home viewing; see your instructor for suggestions. Watch Russian-language films with the Russian captions/subtitles turned on. You will be surprised how quickly your listening comprehension will catch up to your reading comprehension, not to mention the improvement you will see in your knowledge of grammatical constructions! There are also now excellent online resources for Russian aural and visual input for your enjoyment and the enhancement of your learning. Russian music and movies are readily available for a reasonable price at [www.russiandvd.com](http://www.russiandvd.com). There are also countless video clips of Russian classic and current movies, music, and documentaries available on YouTube. Indeed, many entire Russian films are available for free download on Russian web browsers and sites such as RuTube. Try searching through [www.google.ru](http://www.google.ru) in either Latin or Cyrillic letters, and you will find a wealth of easy to download materials to enrich your study of Russian language and culture.

## RUS 611c COURSE OUTLINE

<b>ПЕРВЫЙ ДЕНЬ ЗАНЯТИЙ:</b>	<b>Понедельник, 14 января</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Введение в курс RUS 611c и как пользоваться учебником <i>Russian: Stage Two: Welcome Back!</i></li><li>• Как заказать книги для индивидуальной работы</li></ul>
<b>ВВЕДЕНИЕ:</b>	вторник, 15 января – вторник, 22 января
<b>УРОКИ 1, 2:</b>	среда, 23 января – четверг, 7 февраля <b>Контрольная работа I: пятница, 8 февраля</b>
<b>УРОКИ 3, 4:</b>	понедельник, 11 февраля – вторник, 26 февраля <b>Контрольная работа II: среда, 27 февраля</b>
<b>УРОКИ 5, 6:</b>	четверг, 28 февраля - вторник, 22 марта  <b><u>Весенние каникулы: 11-16 марта!</u></b>  <b>Контрольная работа III: понедельник, 25 марта</b>
<b>УРОКИ 7, 8:</b>	вторник, 26 марта – среда, 10 апреля <b>Контрольная работа IV: четверг, 11 апреля</b>
<b>УРОКИ 9, 10:</b>	пятница, 12 апреля - понедельник, 29 апреля <b>Контрольная работа V: вторник, 30 апреля</b>
<b>ПОВТОРЕНИЕ:</b>	<b>среда 1 мая – пятница 3 мая</b>

A Final Exam will be given for this section of our course during the scheduled University exam session: May 8-14.

«Желаем Вам хорошего летнего отдыха!»

