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| SECOND-YEAR RUSSIAN I RUS 412K COURSE SYLLABUS |
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Class Days: MTWTH
 Time: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
 Location: MW BUR 134, TTH GDC 2.210
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Textbook: Martin, Cynthia and Dolgova, Irina. *Russian: Stage Two: Welcome Back!*, (Kendall/Hunt Publishing Co.: Dubuque, IA, 2001). This packaged set contains one basic textbook, two workbooks, three CDs, and one DVD. It is available at the University Co-op.

Recommended for reference:

- Thompson. *Oxford Russian Dictionary* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1997).
- Katzner, Kenneth. *English-Russian, Russian-English Dictionary* (Rev. and expanded ed., New York, 1994).
- Wade, Terence. *A Comprehensive Russian Grammar* (Oxford: Blackwell, 1994).
- Gerhart. *The Russian's World, 2nd ed.* (New York: Holt, Rinehart, Winston, 1995).

I. GENERAL

Course Content: This course is the third semester of Russian language instruction developing functional proficiency in listening, speaking, and reading. Writing will be developed primarily through workbook home assignments. We will cover Unit 1 through Unit 5 in the textbook, spending about ten class days on each unit.

Course Requirements: You are expected to attend daily classes regularly, participate actively in class, do all assigned coursework, and take all exams. A Course Outline for the entire semester, briefly describing goals and in-class activities, is found on pp. xiii - xv 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 responsible for learning all of the words and expressions contained in the texts and exercises covered in the Course Syllabus which appear in the vocabulary lists at the end of each unit. **You should plan to spend about two hours of preparation for each hour 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 for disabilities: Any student with a documented disability (physical or cognitive) who requires academic accommodations should contact the Services for Students with Disabilities area of the Office of the Dean of Students at 471-6259 (voice) or 471-4641 (TTY for users who are deaf or hard of hearing) as soon as possible to request an official letter outlining authorized accommodations.

Testing: There will be five in-class one-hour tests for this course. The in-class tests, each covering in turn units 1-5, will be given on **September 24, October 8, October 22, November 5, and November 19.**

Final exam will be given during the University final exam period – the date will be determined later in the semester.

II. GRADING

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

1. *Testing (in-class tests): 55%*

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. *Homework: 30%*

Written homework or in-class quizzes (e.g., vocabulary, grammar checks, etc.) will be graded on a credit / no credit 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.

3. *Participation: 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, enthusiasm.

The result of these calculations will be on 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. 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 F412K." 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 (BUR 452) 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. 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 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.

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Documented Disability Statement

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RUS 412K COURSE OUTLINE**FIRST DAY**

Wednesday, August 28

- Introduction to the course and how to use the materials with *Russian: Stage Two: Welcome Back!*

INTRODUCTORY LESSON: August 28 – September 10

UNIT ONE: Wednesday, September 11 – Monday, September 23

Unit One Exam: Tuesday, September 24

UNIT TWO: Wednesday, September 25 – Monday, October 7

Unit Two Exam: Tuesday, October 8

UNIT THREE: Wednesday, October 9 – Monday, October 21

Unit Three Exam: Tuesday, October 22

UNIT FOUR: Wednesday, October 23 – Monday, November 4

Unit Four Exam: Tuesday, November 5

UNIT FIVE: Wednesday, November 6 – Monday, November 18

Unit Five Exam: Tuesday, November 19

REVIEW: November 20 – December 6 (Last day of class)

November 28 – 30 Thanksgiving

Final exam - the date to be determined.