

Slavic 101-1- 22
Elementary Russian
MTWF

Course description: *Dobroj po'ajlovat;!* Welcome to Elementary Russian. Elementary Russian 101-1 is the first part in a three-quarter sequence designed to introduce students to the Russian language and contemporary Russian culture. In this course, students will develop the fundamentals of speaking, listening, writing, and reading through a variety of communicative and content-based activities. Emphasis will be placed on practical communication so that students should be able to function in many authentic situations by the end of the year.

Required Texts:

Russian Stage One: Live from Moscow Volume 1 (Textbook)
Russian Stage One: Live from Moscow Volume 1 (Workbook)
Available at Norris University Center Bookstore

Audio and Video Materials:

Russian Stage One: Live from Moscow Volume 1 (audiotape or CD)
Russian Stage One: Live from Moscow Volume 1 (videotape or DVD)
Available at Norris University Center Bookstore and on Blackboard (see below)

Grading:

Homework 15%
Quizzes 5%
Participation 10%
Unit Exams 30%
Final Exam 40%

Blackboard: This course has a Blackboard site (i.e., a web-page only accessible to students at Northwestern enrolled in this class for this quarter). For your convenience, on the Blackboard site you can listen to the audio recordings that are on your audio/CD and watch the video episodes that are on your video tape/DVD for *Russian Stage One*. In order to be able to watch and listen to these materials via Blackboard you must have a *fast* connection, such as Ethernet. Connection to the Internet via a regular phone line will be too slow and often will not allow you to be able to hear or watch the material. If you wish to access the audio and video materials via Blackboard, it is recommended that you do this in the Multimedia Learning Center (MMLC) Computer Lab (lowest level in Kresge Hall). You can access Blackboard as follows:

- 1) From Northwestern University's homepage (<http://www.northwestern.edu>) click on "Students."
- 2) From this page click on "Course Management System (Blackboard)."

3) On the log-in screen type in your NU NetID and your Northwestern e-mail password and click on "Login."

4) From the Blackboard "Welcome" page, under "My Courses" choose this course: Fall 2003 Slavic 101-1.

5) Once in this course's Blackboard, to access the audio and video recordings click on "Course Documents."

6) In "Course Documents" select the appropriate folder and once you are in the folder select the appropriate material to listen or view.

7) Don't forget to log-out after you are finished.

Attendance: Your presence in class is crucial to making successful progress in Russian. You are expected to attend each day barring illness or personal emergency. You are allowed two unexcused absences per quarter. Excused absences include, for example, your own personal illness and personal emergency (such as a death in the family). A note is required for an excused absence. Whether an absence falls under excused or not is at the discretion of the instructor and/or the Slavic Language Coordinator. Tardiness will also impede your goal in acquiring the Russian language. Repeated tardiness will count as unexcused absences (approximately three tardies will constitute one day). After a student has missed more than two unexcused absences, a meeting with the instructor and/or Slavic Language Coordinator is required.

Participation: Along with your presence, participation in the classroom is vital to your success in the course. Becoming proficient in speaking Russian requires practice. You are encouraged to ask questions at any point when the material seems unclear. Most of all, don't be afraid to speak. At the end of the quarter there will be an oral portion of the final exam. One of the best ways to prepare for this is to participate in class in the various oral exercises.

Homework: All written work is to be handed in the next class meeting after it is assigned. Please refer to the class schedule. Please review all corrections made by the instructor. Exercises in listening comprehension (audiotape/CD and video/DVD) are an essential part of the course, and you should place as much emphasis on them as on your written homework. Since you are able to access the audio and video materials either through Blackboard or by using the audio cassette/CD and VHS cassette/DVD that you purchased, there is no excuse for not doing the homework based on these materials. Late assignments will be accepted only with the instructor's prior permission. Extra credit homework (see schedule) is due the first class period after the day it is assigned. Extra credit homework will not be accepted late and will not be accepted in place of regular homework assignments. Extra credit workbook exercises are worth one quarter of a regular workbook homework assignment.

Instructions for doing homework:

You should use PENCIL to do all of your homework. This will allow you to erase any mistakes that you find when reviewing your homework before turning it in to your instructor. Homework completed in any shade of RED ink or pencil will NOT be accepted.

Workbook pages are NOT to be torn out of your workbook. Instead you are required to copy the assignments onto a separate sheet of paper, and then provide your answers after each task, respectively. In the end, you should have a "carbon copy" of what exists in your workbook, with all of the "blanks filled in" with your answers.

All textbook homework (related to the video episodes) is to be completed either in your book or on a separate sheet of paper. This homework will not be collected by your instructor, unless students do not do the homework. You are expected to have completed this homework by the day that it is due (refer to the class schedule). Periodically and randomly your instructor will check to see if you have completed these assignments and some of the exercises will be covered in class, so you will need to have done the exercises in order to participate. If you have not completed a textbook assignment you will receive a Ø "zero" for it.

Quizzes: Quizzes are given once per unit and cover only vocabulary. They are administered at the beginning of class. Being late to class is not a valid excuse for a make-up quiz. Refer to the class schedule for dates of quizzes. Quizzes may only be made-up in extreme cases at the discretion of the instructor.

Unit Exams: Unit exams are intended to measure your progress throughout the quarter. Exams will be given at the end of each unit. Though the emphasis of each unit exam is the material from the particular unit, learning a language requires that you build upon and add to your previous knowledge. Thus, students will be expected to know the material covered in previous units. Being late to class is not a valid excuse for getting extra time to finish an exam or to take a make-up exam. Exams may only be made-up in extreme cases at the discretion of the instructor.

Final Exam: The final is a cumulative exam. There will be an oral component. In the weeks before the last week of classes, your instructor will make announcements in class with respect to the content of and time for the oral portion of the final exam. You must take the written final exam in your regular classroom as scheduled (no exceptions!):