Course Description

Continues the development of the skills of understanding, speaking, reading, culture and writing of Russian. Part I of II. Classes conducted in Russian. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

The purpose of Intermediate Russian is to enable the student to become more proficient in speaking and understanding Russian in a greater variety of situations. The student will learn the more complex structures of the Russian language. The student will also learn to read and write without recourse to translations, and will continue to explore the cultural aspects of the Russian-speaking world. In keeping with the National Standards for Foreign Language Education, culture (music, art, gastronomy, social mores, and others) is embedded in this language course. This is reflected in our written and oral assessments.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

Prerequisite: RUS 102 or equivalent. Students who have not taken RUS 102 should have proficiency at or above the Intermediate-low level as defined by the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to maintain and perfect oral competence, develop reading and writing skills, and increase knowledge of Russian structures and vocabulary

- Review basic grammatical structures
- Use more complex structures of the language
- Develop reading skills
- Expand vocabulary, including idiomatic expressions
- Converse within a wider canvas of topics
- Develop cultural awareness

The ACTFL standards include Culture, Connections, Comparisons and Communities as part of foreign language instruction and assessment. Within these areas, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the practices and perspectives of the culture studied
- Demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the products and perspectives of the culture studied
- Acquire information and recognize the distinctive viewpoints that are only available through the foreign language and its cultures
- Demonstrate understanding of the concept of culture through comparisons of the cultures studied and their own
- Use the language both within and beyond the school setting
- Read, discuss and write about topics concerning the Russian culture featured in textbooks and in target language media at the intermediate level
- Read authentic literary texts
- Develop writing skills

Main Topics To Be Covered

- Social issues
- Political events
- Further development in these areas:
  - Everyday situations
  - Family life
  - Student life
  - Cross cultural comparisons
  - Use of leisure time