

**Course:** Elementary Russian 1, Fall 2019  
**Schedule:** MJ 204, TR 3:45 p.m.- 5:10 p.m.

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**Required materials:**

- *Golosa: Basic Course in Russian: Book 1*, 5<sup>th</sup> ed.
- *Student Activity Manual for Golosa: Book 1*, 5<sup>th</sup> ed.
- Audio/video files for *Golosa: Book 1* at: <https://www2.gwu.edu/~slavic/golosa/>

**Overview and Goals:**

Elementary Russian I (RUSS1010) is the first of two introductory-level courses in Russian language. In this course you will develop basic skills in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing. We will cover the Alphabet Unit and Units 1-5 of *Golosa, Book One*. By the end of this semester you should be able to greet people formally and informally, to introduce yourselves, to talk about where you are from, what language(s) you speak, what and where you study, what you are wearing, what you are carrying in your backpack, and what you do on a typical day, on what day and at what time. You should be able to hold simple conversations about your daily activities, schedule, school, world languages, background and to describe common objects in complete sentences. You will engage in a variety of different activities: dialogs, grammar based exercises, drills, etc. Grammatically speaking, you will learn the basics of verb conjugation, gender, declension (nominative, prepositional, and accusative cases) and a lot more. Through a conversational-cultural approach this course will also introduce Russian culture and history.

Classes are taught in Russian while implementing English when needed to clarify certain grammatical concepts. Your participation in class will help to create a positive, friendly, and interactive learning environment.

**Class Policies:**

DEPARTMENT POLICY: each student may have no more than four unexcused absences over the course of the semester. Regular attendance is mandatory. Class participation grade points will be deducted from students with more than four unexcused absences. If you must miss class due to illness or for another legitimate reason, please, let me know before class that day. Late homework will not be accepted without a legitimate excuse. No make-up tests will be given except in case of documented medical or family emergencies.

I ask that you are punctual for class; repeated tardies will negatively affect our grade. If there are any circumstances, which will hinder your attendance or punctuality, please, bring it to my attention immediately. In the event of absence from class students is responsible for verifying and completing all required homework assignments.

Your cell phone must be turned off in class.

If you encounter difficulties with the material please contact me immediately!

**Grading:**

There will be one major test, six written quizzes, and five oral quizzes during this course. Oral quizzes will consist of reciting an assigned dialogue with a partner from memory or composing and performing an assigned situation. Dialogues and situations will generally be from the basic text, *Golosa*.

Student Activities Manual will be graded as follows:

On time, at least 90% complete, and at least 90% correct	A
On time, at least 80% complete, and at least 80% correct	B
On time, at least 70% complete, and at least 70% correct	C
Minimal effort and serious errors	D
Not submitted	F

Extra Credit: a 5-minute presentation on proposed or chosen and approved topic related to Russian culture/history. Heritage speakers will have to make two presentations.

Midterm: a short presentation in Russian.

Final Examinations: an oral proficiency interview and a written test.

Grades will be comprised of written quizzes (25%), oral quizzes (5%), homework (20%), participation in class and attendance (25%), midterm (5%), and final examinations (20%).

**Grading scale:**

A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	F
97-100	93-96	90-92	87-89	83-86	80-82	77-79	73-76	70-72	67-69	63-66	63-0

**Course Schedule:**

This schedule may be subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.

You must pace your study according to the deadlines for completed homework in the course schedule. There will be homework in your textbook and/or student activities manual (SAM) for each class. Study vocabulary, dialogues, and grammar points in the textbook and complete the corresponding activities and exercises in the SAM. SAM will be collected and checked at any time during the semester. It is important that you make every effort to comprehend information covered in class and make sense of it while completing your homework. A foreign language is best learned with repetition and regular work each day rather than cramming prior to an exam!

You should use audio/video resources to practice your listening comprehension and speaking skills. You will find the audio files for the textbook словарь/новые слова и выражения (vocabulary/new words and expressions), диалоги (dialogs), разговоры (conversations), Давайте послушаем (let's listen) and SAM устные упражнения (oral drills), числительные (numerals), фонетика и интонация (phonetics and intonation) at <https://www2.gwu.edu/~slavic/golosa/audio/audio1-5e.htm>. You will find SAM video files at [https://www.youtube.com/user/golosauchebnik/videos?disable\\_polymer=1](https://www.youtube.com/user/golosauchebnik/videos?disable_polymer=1).

Student Activities Manual Homework = SAM H/W

Textbook Homework = T H/W

	Tuesday - вторник	Thursday - четверг
1	Aug. 27 Introduction Syllabus <b>Алфавит</b>	Aug. 29 <b>Алфавит</b> Consonant devoicing, assimilation, and palatalization Vowel reduction
	T H/W: Learn Russian Alphabet. SAM H/W: A-01–A-24. (due Sept. 3)	
2	Sept. 3 Alphabet Quiz <b>Урок 1: Немного о себе</b> Greetings and good-byes 1 (1) Formal and informal speech	Sept. 5 1 (2) Names 1 (3) Gender Introduction 1 (4) Gender of «Му»: мой, моя, моё 1 (8) The verb <i>to be</i> in the present tense
	T H/W: диалоги on pages 23 and 24, словарь/новые слова и выражения on pages 40–42 (listen to the accompanying audio files, read, and practice pronunciation of new dialogs and vocabulary). SAM H/W: listen, read, and practice pronunciation of устные упражнения 1–11, pp. 15–18 (oral drills require listening to the accompanying audio files and are to be completed orally, without having to turn them in written form); complete 1-01–1-21 (числительные, фонетика и интонация, письменные упражнения и видео упражнения are to be completed in written form and may require accompanying audio/video files), <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mw_ypScMDDw&amp;t=8s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mw_ypScMDDw&amp;t=8s</a> .) (due Sept.12)	
3	Sept. 10 1 (5) Case Introduction 1 (6) Nominative Case 1 (7) Prepositional Case - Introduction Oral Quiz on Unit 1: Диалог 4	Sept. 12 Written Quiz on Unit 1 <b>Урок 2: Что у меня есть?</b> 2 (1) Grammatical Gender 2 (2) Nominative Plural of Nouns
	T H/W: словарь, pp. 72–76, диалоги, pp. 50, 51. SAM H/W: устные упражнения 1–15, pp. 31–35; 2-01–2-12. (due Sept.17)	
4	Sept. 17 2 (3) Personal Pronouns: он, она, оно, они 2 (4) Чей? Мой, твой, его, её, наш, ваш, их.	Sept. 19 2 (5) Adjectives (Nom.) 2 (6) What: что vs. какой 2 (8) Indicating Having Something
	SAM H/W: 2-13–2-27, 2-28 or 2-29 or 2-30, 2-31–2-33, <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=odG7sjSW0IM">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=odG7sjSW0IM</a> . (Sept. 26)	
5	Sept. 24 2 (7) Это vs. этот (эта, это, эти) Oral Quiz on Unit 1: Диалог 4	Sept. 26 Written Quiz on Unit 2 <b>Урок 3: Какие языки вы знаете?</b> 3 (1) Verb Conjugation 3 (2) Verbs with conjugations -e/-ë-
	T H/W: словарь, pp. 109–112, диалоги, pp. 81, 82. SAM H/W: устные упражнения 1–19, pp. 51–55; 3-01–3-13. (due Oct. 3)	
6	Oct. 1 3 (3) Verbs with -и- conjugations 3 (4) The Past Tense Introduction	Oct. 3 3 (5) Word Order 3 (6) Languages 3 (7) Nationalities
	SAM H/W: 3-14–3-27, 3-28 or 3-29 or 3-30, 3-31–3-35 <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vNovSnDi0HA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vNovSnDi0HA</a> . (due Oct. 17)	
7	Oct. 8 3 (8) Prepositional Case 3 (9) Conjunctions: а, и, но	Oct. 10 – Midterm: give a presentation about yourself. (at least 15 complete sentences)
	Prepare for midterm on Oct. 10	

8	Oct. 15 – Fall Break – Каникулы	Oct. 17 Oral Quiz on Unit 3: describe the knowledge of languages of anyone you choose, say where that person lives and his/her nationality (10 sentences) or perform Диалог 5. Written Quiz on Unit 3
	Т Н/В: словарь, pp. 143–146, диалоги, pp. 117, 118. (due Oct. 22)	
9	Oct. 22 <b>Урок 4: Университет</b> 4 (1) Учиться 4 (2) The Prepositional Case: на 4 (3) Учиться, изучать или заниматься	Oct. 24 4 (4) The Accusative Case 4 (5) Любить
	SAM Н/В: устные упражнения 1–15, pp.75–78; 4-01–4-17. (due Oct. 29)	
10	Oct. 29 4 (6) Prepositional Case of Question Words and Personal Pronouns 4 (7) Question Words and Sentence Expanders	Oct. 31 4 (8) Тоже vs. также
	SAM Н/В: 4-18–4-24 (1), 4-25, 4-26 или 4-27, 4-28–4-38 <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6r8BHILGc3s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6r8BHILGc3s</a> . (due Nov. 5)	
11	Nov. 5 Oral Quiz on Unit 4: describe your university and what you study (10 sentences) or perform Диалог 5. Written Quiz on Unit 4	Nov. 7 <b>Урок 5: Распорядок дня</b> 5 (1) занятия/урок/лекция/пара/группа/ аудитория/курс/предмет; 5 (2) Days and Times
	Т Н/В: словарь, pp. 185–188, диалоги, pp.151, 152. SAM Н/В: устные упражнения 1–17, pp. 99–103; 5-01–5-09. (due Nov. 12)	
12	Nov. 12 5 (3) New Verbs 5 (8) Должен/свободен	Nov. 14 5 (5) Motion Verbs: идти, ходить, ехать, ездить, поехать
	SAM Н/В: 5-10–5-13, 5-15, 5-19 (due Nov. 19)	
13	Nov. 19 5 (6) Asking Where: где vs. куда 5 (7) Answering the Question Куда?	Nov. 21 Oral Quiz on Unit 5: describe your daily schedule (10 sentences).
	SAM Н/В: 5-14, 5-16–5-18, 5-20–5-35, <a href="https://goo.gl/GQ6Yih">https://goo.gl/GQ6Yih</a> . (Due Nov. 26)	
14	Nov. 26 5 (4) Stress in Verbs Written Quiz on Unit 5	Nov. 28 – Thanksgiving Break
	Prepare for Final Oral and Written Exams on Dec. 10 at 3:30–5:30	
15	Dec. 3 Grammar and Vocabulary Review	Dec. 5 – Study Day (No Class)

### Calendar:

August 27 – First Day of Russian Classes  
October 10 – Mid-term  
October 12–15 – Fall Break  
November 27–December 1 – Thanksgiving Holidays  
December 3 – Last Day of Russian Classes  
December 5 – Study Day  
December 10 – Final Exam 3:30–5:30