

Evening language programme 2026/27

Course title: Russian Beginners A1.1 – online

Course descriptor/objectives

The aim of the course is to offer an introduction to the Russian language for a range of basic communication purposes. Therefore, by the end of the course (parts I and II) participants will be able to:

- understand and use familiar everyday expressions and basic phrases aimed at the satisfaction of needs of a concrete type.
- introduce themselves and others.
- ask and answer questions about personal details such as where they live, people they know and things they have.
- interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.

Participants will develop some basic reading, listening, speaking and writing skills through a series of task-oriented sessions and will be provided with informal formative feedback during contact hours. The completion level of the course is broadly equivalent to the *A1.1* level of the **Common European Framework**.

In seminars, participants will engage in practical exercises and group interaction in order to develop relevant language-specific learning strategies. The role of the instructor is to facilitate this process, provide useful tools and encourage participants to become independent learners and basic users of the languages too.

Language-specific information:

Around 250 million people speak Russian across the globe, with 138 million of them based in Russia, where it is the official language. The written form uses Cyrillic script and began to be formed under Peter the Great; it was largely based on the Moscow dialect. Russian is part of the East Slavic language family, making it accessible to speakers of Ukrainian and Belarusian.

The most famous cultural import of Russia is perhaps its literature, which includes the work of Dostoevsky, Tolstoy and Chekhov.

Prerequisite:

This non-credit bearing weekly course is intended for complete beginners who wish to explore Russian for the first time.

Technical requirements:

-PC, laptop or tablet with camera and microphone

-Stable internet connection

Delivery will be via Zoom:
https://zoom.us/download

Once the course is confirmed, your teacher will send you an invitation for the first online session. You can expect to receive this invitation one day before the first session.

Coursebook and/or Learning Resources:

Anna Kudyma's "Beginner's Russian with Interactive Online Workbook", **2nd edition** (Paperback)

ISBN: 9780781814409

Please do not purchase the book until the course is confirmed.