



University
of Exeter



Evening language programme 2024/25

Course title: Russian Beginners Part II

Course descriptor/objectives

The aim of the course is to offer an introduction to Russian language for a range of basic communication purposes. Therefore, by the end of the course 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 A1.2 level of the [Common European Framework](#).

In seminars, participants will have to 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 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 Chekov.

Prerequisite:

This non-credit bearing weekly course is intended for learners who have completed a 10-week beginner course (20 contact hours) or equivalent.

You should have covered the following:

Topics: Introducing myself, my family and friends; What you can find in a city; Names of Professions; Education system in Russia and Academic subjects; Schedules and the days of the week; Counting from 0 to 20.

Grammar. The introductory word 'это' (this is/it is); The question words 'кто?', 'что?' ('What?' and 'Who?'); How to say 'not'; Personal pronouns; Grammatical gender of nouns; Singular and plural endings for nouns; Possessive pronouns; How to answer the question 'где?' ('Where?'); Noun endings for the Nominative, Accusative and Prepositional cases singular; Adjective endings for

the Nominative and Accusative cases singular; The Present Tense of verbs.

Coursebook and/or Learning

Resources:

Continuation (from chapter 4/5) of Anna Kudyma's Beginner's Russian with Interactive Online Workbook, A Basic Russian Course, ISBN: 9780781812511

Please do not purchase the book until the course has been confirmed.