

Russian language on specialty (Beginner level)

Course # HUSS 1126

Credits 6

Course description

The course is designed for foreign students studying the Russian language with the aim of mastering basic skills of written and spoken communication in certain everyday, socio-cultural and educational contexts.

During Russian language classes students will learn proper writing techniques and engage in various language activities, including writing, reading, listening, and speaking. The primary goal of this course is to create an environment for students that will foster their interest in the material being studied and facilitate their comprehension of the content.

Starting with learning the alphabet and correct pronunciation, students will progress to basic conversational skills, social etiquette, and simple ethical and aesthetic norms in Russian communication. Through dialogues and group discussions, students will learn how to summarize texts based on the vocabulary and grammar covered in the lessons. Emphasis is placed on practical proficiency in the Russian language across all modes of communication and various social and academic contexts.

Course learning outcomes

Upon completion of the course students will be able to:

- read in Russian correctly and fluently;
- listen to and understand others' speech adequately;
- speak freely and correctly within the scope of the topics studied;
- evaluate and reason effectively.

Course Assessment and Grading

Item	Weight
Class work	20%
Homework (and independent work)	15%
Mini-tests	5%

Mid-term exam	20%
Project presentation	15%
Final exam	25%

Russian language on specialty (Elementary level)

Course # HUSS 1127

Credits 6

Course description

The course is intended for foreign students who have completed the beginner level of the program. An important requirement for this course is the students' preparedness, thorough absorption and elaboration of the covered material, both grammatical and lexical. The informative and rich content of the course will help students develop their intellectual skills and the ability to engage in cognitive activities in general including tasks such as "let's argue", "convince a friend", and reasoning about statements. Students will be involved in some practical work mastering the Russian language in all types of speech activity and various areas of communication, and will expand their vocabulary by working on texts with pre- and post-reading tasks, dealing with lexical and grammatical exercises, and engaging in discussions.

Students perform a particular workload each week, both during classes and independently. A creative approach to completing text assignments, mastering the entire lexical minimum on the topics, and working on exercises, both written and oral, are encouraged in every lesson. Written work must be submitted on time.

Course learning outcomes

Upon completion of the course students will be able to:

- read in Russian correctly and fluently;
- listen to and understand others' speech adequately;
- speak freely and correctly within the scope of the topics studied;
- evaluate and reason effectively;
- possess written communication skills at an intermediate level.

Course Assessment and Grading:

Item	Weight
Class work	20%
Homework (and independent work)	15%
Mini-tests	5%
Mid-term exam	20%
Project presentation	15%
Final exam	25%

Russian language on specialty (Upper-intermediate level)

Course # HUSS 1128

Credits 6

Course description

The course is designed for foreign students who have an advanced level of proficiency in the Russian language. The main goal of the course is to develop speaking and writing skills in Russian at a professional level and in various communication fields, including official communication, business and academic communication (both written and oral). Additionally, it aims to teach them to analyze journalistic and literary texts and acquire minimal skills in creating such texts. The course is designed for 52 hours, with classes held twice a week for two paired academic hours. The classes are organized interactively, and texts on various topics, styles, and genres are selected for independent work.

Course learning outcomes

Upon completion of the course students will be able to:

- improve grammatical and linguistic competence (systematization and generalization of linguistic material in order to use it in the form of written or oral texts in situations of educational, professional and scientific spheres of communication;

- enhance their discursive competence
- explore and improve their social competence (the ability to understand the basic social and behavioral characteristics of interlocutors);
- develop their socio-linguistic competence (the ability to use various speech strategies and tactics used in educational, professional, and scientific communication spheres).

Course Assessment and Grading

Item	Weight
Class work	15%
Homework (and independent work)	15%
Mini-tests	5%
Mid-term exam	15%
Portfolio	20%
Final exam	30%