

RUSS 202 Syllabus Spring 2025

Department of Central, Eastern & Northern European Studies



Land Acknowledgment

UBC Vancouver is located on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the $x^w m = \theta k^w = y^2 = m$ (Musqueam) people. The land it is situated on has always been a place of learning for the Musqueam people, who for millennia have passed on their culture, history, and traditions from one generation to the next on this site.

Your Instructor

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Course Description and Format

RUSS 202 is part of the Russian Language Program in the Department of CENES. This course refines the learners' skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening comprehension. Classes will be conducted online in an interactive, seminar style, using a combination of the explicit teaching of the Russian language using instructor's explanations and/or demonstrations of the material, direct instruction, small and large group discussion, and small and large group activities.

What We Will Learn

- apply and expand language skills learned in RUSS 201 to everyday situations and a wide range of topics related to cultural, social, and relational issues, and explain a viewpoint on these topical issues;
- use verbs of motion; Genitive and Dative case with motion verbs; sentence structure хотеть, чтобы; impersonal construction with надо, нужно, можно, and нельзя;
- recognize and use approximately 1,300 Russian words in conversation and/or composition;
- apply techniques to improve pronunciation and conversational fluency;
- understand native speakers in discussions of complex information;
- clearly and confidently articulate ideas in Russian when delivering an effective individual presentation.

What We Will Need



Иванова Э.И., Фролова А.Н. Наше время. Учебник по русскому языку как иностранному. Базовый уровень. A2. *Available at the UBC Bookstore*.

Evaluation

Marking and assessment in UBC Russian classes are designed to encourage your progress and to coach you toward your goals. Here's how we do it.

Participation	10%
Home Assignments	15%
Presentation	10%
Online Quizzes	20%
In-class tests	45%

Participation (10%)

Students, who are unable to attend classes due illness, should review the slides of the missed lecture, do all the activities that their peers did in class, and submit this assignment in Canvas in the Participation section by the due date. If they submit this assignment on time, they will get 100% for attendance. To learn how to submit an assignment, please click How to submit an online assignment

Home assignments (15%)

Home assignments are mandatory, and they will consist of written exercises from the textbook and other miscellaneous grammar and vocabulary assignment. Submit your written home assignment before the class on Canvas. If you cannot attend a class, submit this home assignment in Canvas in the Home Assignments section. Home assignment submitted after the due date will receive a maximum of 80% of the value of the assignment. No home assignment will be accepted after the end of the term.

Presentation (10%)

You will make a short in-class presentation to your peers (a list of topics will be provided). Active listening is encouraged during presentation and you will have to answer a few questions of your peers' presentations.

Online quizzes (20%)

There will be 10 open-book online quizzed posted on Canvas, which will permit you to assess your grammar, listening and reading comprehension skills. The online quizzes can be completed at students' own pace; however, the quizzes submitted after the due date receive 80% of the grade. No online quiz will be accepted after the end of classes.

In-class tests (45%)

There will be 4 in-class tests. Cameras must be switched on during tests. Details of each test will be announced the week prior to the test date. Make-ups for the quizzes are permitted only in cases of documented illness or for the observance of a religious holiday.

Taking care of yourself in RUSS 202

We know that it isn't easy to learn a language – especially in an online class. But it can be fun and joyful, and it is definitely important. Being able to actually speak a language—rather than just reading it off a machine translation platform—opens you up to new friendships, knowledge, opportunities, and worlds.

- Make a friend! Introduce yourself to a student or two, take advantage of activities in breakout rooms to get to know each other, or post on the Canvas discussion forum. This way, if one of you comes down with a cold and has to miss class, you can help each other by sharing notes.
- Start a WhatsApp Group, a Spotify music page, or a class Instagram. Just for fun! Having a community helps the learning along!
- Attend the <u>CENES Slavic Tea gatherings</u> and take an opportunity to meet new friends while having a cup of tea with snacks at CENES.
- Contact your instructor if you're feeling ill and cannot attend class or finish a homework assignment on time. If there is an assessment that day, we will make alternate arrangements.

UBC Policies and Helpful Resources

The following policies and procedures are considered part of the class syllabus and policy. Feel free to talk them over with your instructor!

UBC Attendance Policy
Applying for Academic Concession
UBC's Academic Code of Honour
Resources to Support Student Success
Accommodations for Religious Holidays and Days of Significance
Using Online Netiquette
Centre for Accessibility