

University of British Columbia
Department of Central, Eastern and Northern European Studies
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Russian 315: Course Outline

Добро пожаловать! Welcome to Russian 315! This Russian Oral Practice course is based on contemporary topics and selected popular texts. The course is structured to incorporate a wide range of communication activities such as discussions, role play and oral presentations.

Time/Location: Monday, Wednesday 3.00 – 4.30 online

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Office hours: by appointment

ZOOM meeting ID: TBA

Password: TBA

Prerequisites: Designed for students who have completed Russian 200 or 215.

We recommend this Course for those who have largely mastered the Russian language, have learned to build simple sentences on their own, and wish to improve further, to enhance your vocabulary and fluency.

Classes will be conducted using Zoom, in an interactive, seminar style, using a combination of direct instruction, discussion, and small group activities.

Credits: 3 credits towards fulfilling the foreign language requirement.

Topics for discussions will include but not limited to:

1. Appearance. Внешность.
2. Personality traits. Черты характера.
3. Family life, love and marriage. Семья, любовь и брак.
4. Arts. Искусство
5. Literature. Литература.
6. Russian and Canadian customs and traditions. Русские и канадские обычаи и традиции.
7. Travelling. Путешествия
8. Common Russian phrases and Idioms. Русские идиомы.
9. History and Culture. История и культура.

Course Evaluation:

Attendance	15%
Participation	15%
Homework	20%
Individual Presentations / Essays	50% (5 presentations in total 10% each)

Course Policies

Late or Missed Assignments:

Missed Assignments: Make-ups for assignments are permitted only in cases of documented illness, where travel for recognized University activities conflicts with the test dates, or for the observance of a religious holiday. In a case of illness, written authorization is required from UBC Health Services. In the instance of a recognized University activity, authorization must be obtained from the University official responsible for the activity.

Late Penalties:

Home assignments and online assessments submitted after the due date will receive 80% of the grade. No online quizzes or home assignments will be accepted after the end of classes.

Classroom conduct

Classroom conduct will be guided by the following purposes and values:

- to promote free inquiry and debate
- to act as a community of scholars
- to respect, appreciate, and encourage diversity
- to display care and concern for the community

In our classroom, we seek to create and maintain an encouraging and a productive learning and working environment, that is, an environment in which there is:

- respect for the dignity of all persons
- fair and equitable treatment of individuals in our diverse community
- personal integrity and trustworthiness
- respect for academic freedom
- respect for personal and University property

Releasing and Adjusting Final Grades:

Before the final grades are submitted, the instructor will publish the breakdown of your final grade on Canvas. You are responsible for reporting any conflict in the calculation within three days of the publication. After that, no changes in grades will be made.

Departmental policy

The Department of Central, Eastern and Northern European Studies may, in exceptional cases, adjust the final course marks in order to conform to Departmental policy.

UBC Policies

Academic Integrity

The academic enterprise is founded on honesty, civility, and integrity. As members of this enterprise, all students are expected to know, understand, and follow the codes of conduct regarding academic integrity. At the most basic level, this means submitting only original work done by you and acknowledging all sources of information or ideas and attributing them to others as required. This also means you should not cheat, copy, or mislead others about what is your work. Violations of academic integrity (i.e., academic misconduct) lead to the breakdown of the academic enterprise, and therefore serious consequences arise, and harsh sanctions are imposed. For example, incidences of plagiarism or cheating may result in a mark of zero on the assignment or exam, and more serious consequences may apply WHEN the matter is referred forwards to the Office of the Dean. Careful records are kept in

order to monitor and prevent recurrences. Please refer to the UBC Calendar, under [Student Conduct and Discipline](#), for the full policy.

Access and Diversity

Students registered with [UBC Access and Diversity](#) must submit their information within the first two weeks of class to ensure they can be accommodated within the format of this course. Students are encouraged to visit the offices of Access and Diversity if they believe they should be registered to receive academic accommodations. Only students who are registered/approved through UBC Access and Diversity may receive academic accommodations per [UBC Policy](#).

Religious Accommodation

Students must give two weeks' notice of their intention to absent themselves under the terms of the University policy on religious holidays. You must either inform the instructor of each course or, where this can't be done, the head or director of the unit concerned. Check out additional resources here:

- [UBC Student Services on Religious Accommodations](#)
- [UBC Policy on Religious Observances](#)