

RUSSIAN AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

An elective course offered by the Center of Russian as a Foreign Language

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Who is this course for and what topics does it cover?

The course is for students with DIFFERENT LEVELS OF RUSSIAN (from elementary to advanced)

Elementary level:

- Russian pronunciation and intonation,
- basic grammar structures,
- everyday Russian constructions and vocabulary.

Intermediate/upper-intermediate level

- review of Russian pronunciation, intonation,
- systematic review of grammar,
- building up vocabulary for different speech situations,
- working on fluency.

Advanced level

• special topics, such as *Russian in Politics, Law, and Society; Russian Communication Style; Communicative Grammar, Tricky Russian Grammar;* etc.





Course details



COURSE DURATION:

The course is two modules (one semester) long; it includes 10 contact hours a week, total of 144 contact hours (6 credits).

Classes meet TWICE a week. Please, choose <u>one section of your level</u> Make sure that you can come to your classes both days!

One 6-credit course of Russian is paid by HSE and <u>free of charge for students</u>.

If you already took one Russian course at the HSE previously and would like to <u>continue</u> taking Russian (or want to take two courses simultaneously) – you are welcome to do so! A <u>tuition fee applies to</u> all additional courses.



If you already have some knowledge of Russian, your level must be determined through a PLACEMENT TEST.

Please submit the placement test online as soon as possible.

You should complete the test online after you are registered as a student of HSE and have your HSE ID. Please, check you HSE email account for all information about Russian classes!

If you have problems with accessing online test, contact International Students Support Unit at <u>international.study@hse.ru</u>



All Russian language sections start ONLINE on September 14, 2020. All sections include 5 classes a week Intensive communication training will be scheduled for one Saturday (optional)

It is possible that the group will be able to hold normal face-to-face lessons in a classroom, but it remains to be seen, the teachers will inform you later upon other students arrival and corona situation.

The Russian offline classes usually take place at Staraya Basmannaya 21/4 The nearest metro station is Kurskaya, please check the location using this link <u>https://goo.gl/maps/vsUZEDW4cHuA14pj9</u>

Please, mind that Moscow campus of HSE has multiple buildings at different locations and pay attention to the address in the schedule



All Russian language sections start ONLINE on September 14, 2020.

The schedule will be available after September 9th at the website: <u>https://www.hse.ru/en/rfl/schedule</u> (you will get a notification by your HSE email)

One section covers 5 classes a week with the same teacher / language instructor Make sure that you can attend the classes both days a week One intensive class on Saturday (as agreed with the teacher)

Please pay attention to the arrangement of online and offline classes in your schedule.

Make sure that

- you will have enough time between your classes to organize suitable conditions for being present online and ready for activities and interaction with your teacher and other classmates
- you will have enough time from transportation between dormitory and campuses



For those who have studied Russian before...

The trial period is September 14-21.

During the trial week students may attend the section of the lower / upper level, if it is recommended after the placement test.

For example: if your level is defined as level 4/5, you may attend the classes of level 4 and 5, if needed, and then decide, which group is the most suitable for your schedule and study goals. Send the confirmation to the teacher you are staying with.



Checklist step by step

You have NEVER studied Russian before

 ✓ check the updated schedule after September 9th

https://www.hse.ru/en/rfl/schedule

- \checkmark explore the time of the section "zero"
- \checkmark choose the "zero" section, which fits your own schedule
- ✓ send a message to the teacher and get the link for online classes

The teacher's contacts are available in the schedule

If you HAVE STUDIED Russian before

- ✓ check you HSE email address and find the link for the placement test
- ✓ submit the placement test ASAP
- you will get a message notifying about your level
- explore the schedule after September
 9th and choose a section of your
 level

https://www.hse.ru/en/rfl/schedule

 ✓ send a message to the teacher and get the link for online-classes

 if needed, try other section during September 14-21 and inform the teacher about your decision by September 23rd



The presentation in a nutshell...



How to start

- / take a placement test, if needed, wait for the result
- \checkmark check the schedule after September, 9th
- choose the appropriate section and register for a course by sending a message to the teacher
- / all sections will start online after September,14
- if you are recommended to try a few sections, make a decision during the trial period September, 14-21
- / the registration closes September, 23rd



The presentation in a nutshell...



The course includes

- \checkmark 5 classes a week
- ✓ one additional Saturday class for communication training
- ✓ 6 credits for the whole autumn semester (September - December)
- \checkmark one midterm exam in the end of October
- \checkmark final exam in the middle of December



Why this course?



Studying in a foreign country is a unique and extremely valuable experience.

This experience is impossible without getting some knowledge of the language and culture of the country.

Regardless of your program or duration of your stay in Russia, the course in Russian will make it even more efficient!



Contacts

Please, address any questions about the Russian courses to the director of the Center of Russian as a Foreign Language at <u>oeremina@hse.ru</u>

