

RUSSIAN AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

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

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When do the Russian classes start?

- This week January 11-15 is an orientation week, no Russian classes
- The classes will start on January 18th
- The schedule will be sent on Friday, January 15th
- Make sure you have an access to your edu.hse mailbox and check it regularly

The course covers the whole Spring semester, which consists of two periods (= modules)

Module 3 11.01.2021 - 28.03.2021

Exam week 29.03.2021-04.04.2021 (exams only)

 Module 4
 05.04.2021-20.06.2021

 Traditional May holidays 01.05.2021



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.





ONLINE OR OFFLINE?

All Russian language sections start ONLINE on January 18th All sections include 4 classes: 2 classes a day twice a week



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.



Placement test for exchange students

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. Even if you have never studied Russian before, log in and submit zero results. We need this procedure to calculate the number of students and make sure that there will be enough sections and online groups will not be overcrowded.

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>



Another way to take a placement test

The placement test will be held online: https://www.socrative.com/.

The form will be open from 08:00 on January 12 till 15:00 on January 13 (Moscow time). You will get the results and the schedule of all the groups on January 15.

How to enter: https://www.socrative.com/ LOGIN -> Student Login (choose this option to log in) Room Name: RUSSIANHSE

The placement test consists of two parts: grammar (multiple choice questions) and essay about yourself. If you don't have a Russian keypad you can write the essay in your notebook or on a piece of paper, take a photo of it and send it to an email-address that will be given in the test.



How to schedule Russian classes?

All Russian language sections start ONLINE on January 18th

The schedule will be available after January 15th at the website: <u>https://www.hse.ru/en/rfl/schedule</u> (you will get a notification by your HSE email) Please register for the course by sending an email to your teacher and get the zoom link from the teacher.

One section covers 4 classes a week with the same teacher / language instructor Make sure that you can attend the classes both days a week



The trial period

For those who have studied Russian before...

The trial period is January 18-31.

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 you HSE email address and find the link for the placement test
- ✓ Take a placement test by submitting empty answers
- ✓ check the updated schedule after January 15

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

- ✓ explore the time of the section "Elementary"
- ✓ choose the "Elementary" 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 January 15th and choose a section of your level

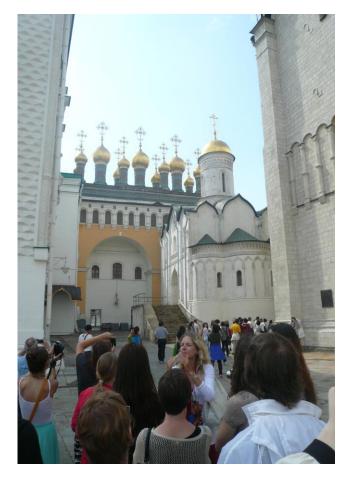
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 ✓ send a message to the teacher and get the link for online-classes

 ✓ if needed, try other section during January 18-31st and inform the teacher about your decision by February, 1st



The presentation in a nutshell...

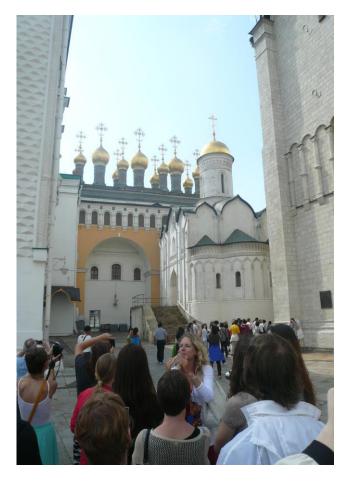


How to start

- / take a placement test, if needed, wait for the result
- \checkmark check the schedule after January 15th
- choose the appropriate section and register for a course by sending a message to the teacher
- / all sections will start online on January 18th
- if you are recommended to try a few sections, make a decision during the trial period January 18-31
- / the registration closes February, 1st



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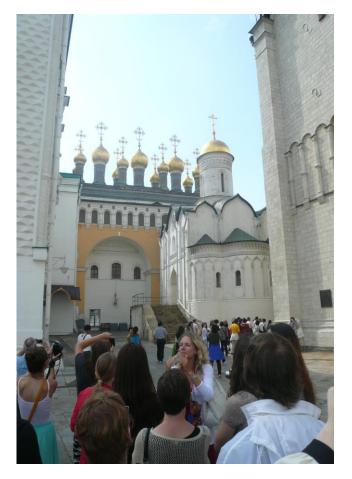


The course includes

- \checkmark 4 classes a week
- \checkmark 6 credits for the whole Spring semester
- \checkmark one midterm exam in the end of March
- \checkmark final exam in the middle of June



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

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