

Fall 2016
RUSS 3304: TOPICS IN
RUSSIAN LANGUAGE STUDY



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Section information: RUSS 3304-001

Time and place: MWF 9:00-9:50am; Trimble Hall 01

Description of Course Content

Topics in Russian Language Study provides an opportunity to practice speaking, listening, and written communication in Russian at an intermediate level, while building vocabulary and language structures. Multimedia and web conferencing make up a vital component of the course. One of the three class sessions per week is reserved for a virtual meeting with students and instructors at Omsk State University in Omsk, Russia, for active practice. The other two classes per week are spent preparing for the virtual meeting using the textbook *B nymu* and other materials.

Student Learning Outcomes

Students will gain active practice in listening, speaking, and writing, and gain exposure to cultural contexts in Russian print and digital media.

By the end of this course you should expect to:

- considerably expand your Russian vocabulary;
- significantly improve your listening comprehension of spoken Russian;
- increase your ability to express your ideas in spoken and written Russian;
- gain deeper and wider understanding of Russian parts of speech, the case system, and syntax;
- develop broader knowledge of social and historical contexts of Russian culture and media.

Grading

Attendance is mandatory and forms a significant part of the final grade. See the attendance policy below.

Grades are apportioned as follows:

Class participation (attendance, preparation, participation)	10%
Weekly assignments	30%
Final project	20%
Midterm exam	20%
Final exam	20%

Readings and Course Materials

Available for purchase in the UT Arlington Bookstore:

B nymu: Russian Grammar in Context (2nd edition) by Olga Kagan et al.

Other materials will be made available on Blackboard.

Descriptions of major assignments and examinations

Weekly assignments will consist of learning and practicing vocabulary, language structures, and cultural contexts using a variety of print and digital tools. For some assignments, you will work with a partner at Omsk State and communicate with them outside of formal class sessions. You will also work with partners to develop and complete your final project. The final exam will be written during the scheduled exam period in December.

Expectations for Out-of-Class Study

Beyond the time required to attend each class meeting, students enrolled in this course should expect to spend at least an additional 9 hours per week of their own time in course-related activities, including reading required materials, completing assignments, communicating with partners, preparing for exams, etc.

Regulations and Guidelines

Attendance: Regular class attendance is expected and required of everyone. All classes and exams are based upon that assumption. You are responsible for acquiring class notes if you have to miss. Ultimately you will find that regular attendance is essential for a satisfactory grade performance. Please make every effort to inform the instructor *before* any class you might have to miss due to unavoidable circumstances.

Grade Grievances: Any appeal of a grade in this course must follow the procedures and deadlines for grade-related grievances as published in the current University Catalog. For all UTA grading policies, see <http://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/grades/#undergraduatetext>.

Drop Policy: Students may drop or swap (adding and dropping a class concurrently) classes through self-service in MyMav from the beginning of the registration period through the late registration period. After the late registration period, students must see their academic advisor to drop a class or withdraw. Undeclared students must see an advisor in the University Advising Center. Drops can continue through a point two-thirds of the way through the term or session. It is the student's responsibility to officially withdraw if they do not plan to attend after registering. **Students will not be automatically dropped for non-attendance.** Repayment of certain types of financial aid administered through the University may be required as the result of dropping classes or withdrawing. For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships (<http://www.uta.edu/aao/fao/>).

Disability Accommodations: UT Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of all federal equal opportunity legislation, including *The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)*, *The Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act (ADAAA)*, and *Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act*. All instructors at UT Arlington are required by law to provide “reasonable accommodations” to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of disability. Students are responsible for providing the instructor with official notification in the form of a **letter certified** by the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD). Only those students who have officially documented a need for an accommodation will have their request honored. Students experiencing a range of conditions (Physical, Learning, Chronic Health, Mental Health, and Sensory) that may cause diminished academic performance or other barriers to learning may seek services and/or accommodations by contacting:

The Office for Students with Disabilities, (OSD) www.uta.edu/disability or calling 817-272-3364. Information regarding diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining disability-based academic accommodations can be found at www.uta.edu/disability.

Counseling and Psychological Services, (CAPS) www.uta.edu/caps/ or calling 817-272-3671 is also available to all students to help increase their understanding of personal issues, address mental and behavioral health problems, and make positive changes in their lives.

Non-Discrimination Policy: *The University of Texas at Arlington does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, disabilities, genetic information, and/or veteran status in its educational programs or activities it operates. For more information, visit uta.edu/eos.*

Title IX Policy: The University of Texas at Arlington (“University”) is committed to maintaining a learning and working environment that is free from discrimination based on sex in accordance with Title IX of the Higher Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs or activities; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VII), which prohibits sex discrimination in employment; and the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE Act). Sexual misconduct is a form of sex discrimination and will not be tolerated. *For information regarding Title IX, visit www.uta.edu/titleIX or contact Ms. Jean Hood, Vice President and Title IX Coordinator at (817) 272-7091 or jmhood@uta.edu.*

Academic Integrity: Students enrolled all UT Arlington courses are expected to adhere to the UT Arlington Honor Code:

I pledge, on my honor, to uphold UT Arlington’s tradition of academic integrity, a tradition that values hard work and honest effort in the pursuit of academic excellence.

I promise that I will submit only work that I personally create or contribute to group collaborations, and I will appropriately reference any work from other sources. I will follow the highest standards of integrity and uphold the spirit of the Honor Code.

UT Arlington faculty members may employ the Honor Code in their courses by having students acknowledge the honor code as part of an examination or requiring students to incorporate the honor code into any work submitted. Per UT System *Regents’ Rule* 50101, §2.2, suspected violations of university’s standards for academic integrity (including the Honor Code) will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. Violators will be disciplined in accordance with University policy, which may result in the student’s suspension or expulsion from the University. Additional information is available at <https://www.uta.edu/conduct/>.

Electronic Communication: UT Arlington has adopted MavMail as its official means to communicate with students about important deadlines and events, as well as to transact university-related business regarding financial aid, tuition, grades, graduation, etc. All students are assigned a MavMail account and are responsible for checking the inbox regularly. There is no additional charge to students for using this account, which remains active even after graduation. Information about activating and using MavMail is available at <http://www.uta.edu/oit/cs/email/mavmail.php>.

Campus Carry: Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes as prohibited. Under the new law, openly carrying handguns is not allowed on college campuses. For more information, visit <http://www.uta.edu/news/info/campus-carry/>

Student Feedback Survey: At the end of each term, students enrolled in face-to-face and online classes categorized as “lecture,” “seminar,” or “laboratory” are directed to complete an online Student Feedback Survey (SFS). Instructions on how to access the SFS for this course will be sent directly to each student through MavMail approximately 10 days before the end of the term. Each student’s feedback via the SFS database is aggregated with that of other students enrolled in the course. Students’ anonymity will be protected to the extent that the law allows. UT Arlington’s effort to solicit, gather, tabulate, and publish student feedback is required by state law and aggregate results are posted online. Data from SFS is also used for faculty and program evaluations. For more information, visit <http://www.uta.edu/sfs>.

Final Review Week: For semester-long courses, a period of five class days prior to the first day of final examinations in the long sessions shall be designated as Final Review Week. The purpose of this week is to allow students sufficient time to prepare for final examinations. During this week, there shall be no scheduled activities such as required field trips or performances; and no instructor shall assign any themes, research problems or exercises of similar scope that have a completion date during or following this week *unless specified in the class syllabus*. During Final Review Week, an instructor shall not give any examinations constituting 10% or more of the final grade, except makeup tests and laboratory examinations. In addition, no instructor shall give any portion of the final examination during Final Review Week. During this week, classes are held as scheduled. In addition, instructors are not required to limit content to topics that have been previously covered; they may introduce new concepts as appropriate.

Emergency Exit Procedures: Should we experience an emergency event that requires us to vacate the building, students should exit the room and move toward the nearest exit, which is located through the door to the left of the desks. Move down the hall and up the stairs to an outside location. When exiting the building during an emergency, one should never take an elevator but should use the stairwells. Faculty members and instructional staff will assist students in selecting the safest route for evacuation and will make arrangements to assist individuals with disabilities.

Student Support Services: UT Arlington provides a variety of resources and programs designed to help students develop academic skills, deal with personal situations, and better understand concepts and information related to their courses. Resources include [tutoring](#), [major-based learning centers](#), developmental education, [advising and mentoring](#), personal counseling, and [federally funded programs](#). For individualized referrals, students may visit the reception desk at University College (Ransom Hall), call the Maverick Resource Hotline at 817-272-6107, send a message to resources@uta.edu, or view the information at <http://www.uta.edu/universitycollege/resources/index.php>.

The IDEAS Center (2nd Floor of Central Library) offers **free** tutoring to all students with a focus on transfer students, sophomores, veterans and others undergoing a transition to UT Arlington. To schedule an appointment with a peer tutor or mentor email IDEAS@uta.edu or call (817) 272-6593.

The Library's 2nd floor Academic Plaza offers students a central hub of support services, including IDEAS Center, University Advising Services, Transfer UTA and various college/school advising hours. Services are available during the library's hours of operation. <http://library.uta.edu/academic-plaza>

Emergency Phone Numbers: In case of an on-campus emergency, call the UT Arlington Police Department at **817-272-3003** (non-campus phone), **2-3003** (campus phone). You may also dial 911. Non-emergency number 817-272-3381

Class Schedule

NB: As the instructor for this course, I reserve the right to adjust this schedule in any way that serves the educational needs of the students enrolled in the course. –L. Harrison

RUSS 3304 FALL 2016 COURSE SCHEDULE

TOPICS	MON	WED	FRI	ACTIVITIES	ASSIGNMENTS	NOTES
COURSE INTRODUCTION		Wednesdays with Omsk	Aug. 26			
ОБРАЗОВАНИЕ СТУДЕНЧЕСКАЯ ЖИЗНЬ	Aug. 29	Aug. 31	Sep. 2			
"ДЕНЬ КАК ДЕНЬ"	Labor Day	Sep. 7	Sep. 9			
РАСПИСАНИЕ	Sep. 12	Sep. 14	Sep. 16			
СВОБОДНОЕ ВРЕМЯ (ДОСУГ)	Sep. 19	Sep. 21	Sep. 23			
БИЗНЕС ИНТЕРНЕТ	Sep. 26	Sep. 28	Sep. 30			
ДОМ / НЕДВИЖИМОСТЬ	Oct. 3	Oct. 5	Oct. 7			
ОТДЫХ / КАНИКУЛЫ	Oct. 10	Oct. 12	Oct. 14			
ПУТЕШЕСТВИЕ	Oct. 17	Oct. 19	Oct. 21			
ИСТОРИЯ ГОРОДСКАЯ ЖИЗНЬ	Oct. 24	Oct. 26	Oct. 28			

ПРИРОДА	Oct. 31	Nov. 2	Nov. 4			
В ГОСТЯХ	Nov. 7	Nov. 9	Nov. 11			
КОММУНИКАЦИЯ ФОЛЬКЛОР	Nov. 14	Nov. 16	Nov. 18			
ЛИТЕРАТУРА	Nov. 21	Nov. 23	Thanksgiving			
ЧЕМ МЫ УВЛЕКАЕМСЯ	Nov. 28	Nov. 30	Dec. 2			
ТЕЛЕВИДЕНИЕ И КИНО	Dec. 5	Dec. 7				



Final exam: Wednesday, Dec. 14, 8:00-10:30am.