

## Course Descriptor

Title of the course	<b>Russian as a Foreign Language. Level A1</b>		
Title of the Academic Programme	All Bachelor's & Master's Programs		
Type of the course	Optional course		
Prerequisites	Beginners' course (no knowledge of Russian required)		
ECTS workload	8		
Total indicative study hours	Directed Study	Self-directed study	Total
	144 hours	160 hours	304 hours
Course Overview	The course is aimed at building general language skills necessary for successful everyday communication and social interaction in Russian within the A1 (Breakthrough) level.		
Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)	<p><b>Knowledge of</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Russian alphabet and essential reading and pronunciation rules, word stress and intonation patterns;</li> <li>▪ noun, personal pronoun and adjective declension system;</li> <li>▪ verb conjugation and tenses of imperfective verbs; the past tense of perfective verbs; some imperative forms;</li> <li>▪ cardinal and ordinal numerals;</li> <li>▪ basic syntactic structures of simple sentences (statements, questions and commands/requests), compound sentence with the conjunctions <i>и, а, но, или</i> and complex sentences with, object clauses and adverbial clauses of cause/reason;</li> <li>▪ vocabulary that enables using Russian in everyday conversation (about 780 lexical items).</li> </ul> <p><b>Ability to</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ start a conversation</li> <li>▪ meet and greet, take leave, thank, apologise, ask to repeat, express wishes and requests, agree and disagree etc.</li> <li>▪ understand short dialogues (up to 60 words) and monologic utterances (up to 120 words);</li> <li>▪ ask questions about facts, events, persons, things, their presence/absence, qualities and features, possession, place, time, reason;</li> <li>▪ adequately answer questions;</li> <li>▪ read, understand and retell simple (specially prepared, or adapted) texts;</li> <li>▪ write simple narrative and descriptive texts on the basis of a previously read adapted texts (up to 200 words);</li> <li>▪ translate simple phrases from/into Russian</li> </ul>		
Indicative Course Content	<p><b>Speaking and listening topics:</b>            Meet and greet. My family. At school and in class. My day. At work. Eating out. Getting about the town. Shopping.</p>		
Teaching and Learning Methods	The course consists of practical classes/tutorials (144 hours), which include speaking and listening, grammar, reading and writing assignments. Teaching methods used include explanatory and illustrative		

	methodologies and interactive conversation exercises based on students' involvement in teamwork and individual activities.
Indicative Assessment Methods and Strategy	Students' progress will be measured by homework assignments, class participation and test results, which together amount to 50% of the final grade and a final exam (50% of the final grade).
Indicative Learning Resources	<p>1. Беликова Л.Г., Шутова Т.А., Ерофеева И.Н. <i>Русский язык: Первые шаги. Часть 1.</i> СПб., 2016. (Belikova, L.G., Shutova, T.A., Erofeeva, I.N. <i>Russian: First Steps. Part 1.</i> St Petersburg, 2016)</p> <p>2. Чернышов С.И. <i>Поехали! Русский язык для взрослых. Часть 1.</i> СПб., 2016. (Chernyshov, S.I. <i>Let's go! Russian for adults. Part 1.</i> St Petersburg, 2016).</p>