

Course Descriptor

Title of the course	Russian as a Foreign Language. Level B2		
Title of the Academic Programme	All Bachelor's & Master's Programs		
Type of the course	Optional course		
Prerequisites	Russian language proficiency equivalent to B1		
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, as well as for study and research activities in Russian within the B2 level of language proficiency.		
Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)	<p>Knowledge of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ phonetic and pronunciation rules, word stress and intonation patterns; ▪ noun, pronoun and adjective declension system; ▪ verb conjugation, tense and aspect forms; active and passive voice; verb and preposition government; imperative forms and modality; non-finite forms (infinitive, participle and gerund); ▪ full and short form adjectives; ▪ cardinal and ordinal numerals; ▪ all syntactic structures of simple, compound and complex sentences; conjunctions and connectors; ▪ word order rules based on the information structure; ▪ vocabulary that enables using Russian in everyday conversation, social interaction, research and discussion (about 6000 lexical items). <p>Ability to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in their field of specialization. ▪ interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers possible without strain for either party. ▪ produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options. 		
Indicative Course Content	<p>Speaking, listening and discussion topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My Home: City or Country? • The Rich and the Poor: Issues of Social Stratification • Russia and Russian People in the Eyes of Foreigners • Mass Media and the Internet • Jobs and Occupations • Life's Choices and Priorities 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science and Technology and the Future of Humankind • All the World's a Stage • Modern Styles and Personality <p>Students read and discuss the contents of authentic texts by modern Russian journalists, analyze grammatical structures and idiomatic expressions used, explain and paraphrase them, listen to people speaking and express their own opinions, write essays on the topics.</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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Макова М.Н.б Ускова О.А. В мире людей: Выпуск 1: Письмо. Говорение. СПб., 2013 (Makova, M.N., Uskova, O.A., <i>In the World of People: Issue 1: Writing. Speaking. St Petersburg, 2013</i>). 2. Волкова Н.А., Филлипс Д. Улучшим наш русский: Часть 1. СПб.: Златоуст, 2014. (Volkova, N.A., Phillips, D. <i>Let's improve our Russian. St Petersburg, 2014</i>). 3. Колесова, Д.В., Харитонов, А.А. Золотое перо. СПб.: Златоуст, 2013. (Kolesova, D.V., Kharitonov, A.A. <i>Gold Nib. St Petersburg, 2013</i>).