RUSS 200 Russian Grammar Review

Course description: Systematic review of intermediate Russian grammar, in order to firm up command of grammatical patterns, as well as to broaden knowledge of vocabulary and idioms. Some conversational practice through work with dialogues. Further study of the following: verbal aspect; verbs of motion and the prepositions used with them; and complex sentence structures, focusing on subordinate conjunctions, participles and gerunds.

Course objectives: This course improves students’ reading, writing, speaking and listening skills, taking them beyond intermediate low level of linguistic competence toward intermediate mid, and expands students’ knowledge of grammar and syntax. At the completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an improved knowledge of Russian declension, conjugation, and verbal aspect. (1)
2. Use basic un-prefixed and prefixed verbs of motion appropriately and effectively. (1)
3. Demonstrate an improved knowledge of complex sentences. (1)
4. Describe, narrate, and present information or persuasive arguments on a general topic in an oral presentation of two or three minutes. (1)
5. Demonstrate an improved command of Russian grammar and syntax, as well as a broader knowledge of vocabulary and concepts. (1 & 2)

How each objective is assessed:

1. Exams, oral presentations
2. Exams
3. Exams
4. Oral presentations
5. Oral presentations and exams

Course grading: The final course average will be based on the following percentages:

- Class participation, preparation: 20%
- Daily assignments & exercises: 20%
- Устные доклады / Oral presentations: 15%
- Midterm exam / Зачёт (with written & oral components): 20%
- Final exam / Экзамен (with written & oral components): 25%
- Total: 100%

List of required texts: