



# RSN 150

## Introductory Russian I

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*Dept of International Studies*

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## General Information

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Credit points

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Prerequisites

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This is an introductory Russian unit specifically designed for speakers of English who have no prior knowledge of Russian, or Russian background speakers who do not have literacy skills. The unit covers the main concepts of Russian grammar and vocabulary. It develops different functional skills of language usage: speaking, reading, writing and translating from and into Russian. There is one on-campus session during the semester for external students living in the Sydney metropolitan area.

## Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

Reading: understand very short, simple texts a single phrase at the time, picking up familiar names, words and basic phrases and rereading as required.

Listening: follow speech that is very slow and carefully articulated, with long pauses for the learner to assimilate meaning.

Writing: ask for or pass on personal details in written form; write simple isolated phrases and sentences.

Spoken Interaction: interact in a simple way but communication is totally dependent on

repetition at a slower rate of speech, rephrasing and repair; ask and answer simple questions, initiate and respond to simple statements in areas of immediate need or on very familiar topics.

Spoken Production: produce simple mainly isolated phrases about people and places.

## Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Due
<a href="#">oral test</a>	10%	TBA
<a href="#">final written examination</a>	65%	TBA
<a href="#">6 assignments</a>	25%	TBA

### oral test

Due: **TBA**

Weighting: **10%**

For the oral test, students have to prepare a three-minute talk on a topic of their choice. Internal students will have their oral test during their last class on week 13. External students can use the Voice Board Tool (see <http://ilearn.mq.edu.au/> RSN155, Oral test) or can send their voice recording to their tutor by week 13.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Listening: follow speech that is very slow and carefully articulated, with long pauses for the learner to assimilate meaning.
- Spoken Interaction: interact in a simple way but communication is totally dependent on repetition at a slower rate of speech, rephrasing and repair; ask and answer simple questions, initiate and respond to simple statements in areas of immediate need or on very familiar topics.
- Spoken Production: produce simple mainly isolated phrases about people and places.

### final written examination

Due: **TBA**

Weighting: **65%**

The purpose of the written examination is to check students' knowledge of all aspects of grammar and vocabulary that they learn throughout the semester.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Reading: understand very short, simple texts a single phrase at the time, picking up familiar names, words and basic phrases and rereading as required.
- Writing: ask for or pass on personal details in written form; write simple isolated phrases and sentences.

## 6 assignments

Due: **TBA**

Weighting: **25%**

There will be six written assignments.

Internal students have to hand in their assignments to their lecturer, while external students should send all assignments to the Centre for Open Education.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Reading: understand very short, simple texts a single phrase at the time, picking up familiar names, words and basic phrases and rereading as required.
- Writing: ask for or pass on personal details in written form; write simple isolated phrases and sentences.

## Delivery and Resources

### Required and recommended texts

There are no required textbooks for this course but ALL STUDY MATERIALS FOR LECTURES, TUTORIALS AND ASSIGNMENTS ARE AVAILABLE at <http://ilearn.mq.edu.au/>.

Recommended book: Levine J. S. Schaum's Outline of Russian Grammar, McGraw-Hill, 1999.  
Thomas, R. Beyer. 501 Russian Verbs, Barron's Educational Series, 2001

University Co-operative Bookshop Macquarie University Sydney NSW 2109 Tel: +61 2 9850 7618

### Unit webpage

The web page for this unit can be found at <http://www.eurolang.mq.edu.au/russian/login.html>.

## Unit Schedule

Week One The Russian Alphabet.

Week Two The Russian Alphabet. Pronouns. Gender in Russian.

Week Three The Russian Alphabet. Gender of nouns.

Week Four Pronouns.

Week Five Adjectives.

Week Six Plural of Nouns.

Week Seven The Past tense of verbs.

Week Eight The Prepositional Case.

Week Nine Numerals. The Prepositional Case of Adjectives and Ordinal Numerals.

Week Ten Numerals.

Week Eleven The Present Tense.

Week Twelve The Future Tense.

Week Thirteen Revision.

## **Policies and Procedures**

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](#). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy [http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic\\_honesty/policy.html](http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html)

Assessment Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy.html>

Grading Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html>

Grade Appeal Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/gradeappeal/policy.html>

Grievance Management Policy [http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grievance\\_management/policy.html](http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grievance_management/policy.html)

Disruption to Studies Policy [http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption\\_studies/policy.html](http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html) *The Disruption to Studies Policy is effective from March 3 2014 and replaces the Special Consideration Policy.*

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](#) of Policy Central.

## **Student Code of Conduct**

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: [https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student\\_conduct/](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/)

## **Student Support**

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

## **Learning Skills**

Learning Skills ([mq.edu.au/learningskills](http://mq.edu.au/learningskills)) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

## Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

## Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at [ask.mq.edu.au](http://ask.mq.edu.au)

## IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit <http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/>.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

## Graduate Capabilities

### Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

This graduate capability is supported by:

### Learning outcomes

- Reading: understand very short, simple texts a single phrase at the time, picking up familiar names, words and basic phrases and rereading as required.
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very familiar topics.

- Spoken Production: produce simple mainly isolated phrases about people and places.

## Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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