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Introductory Russian II

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Dept of International Studies

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General Information

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Credit points

3

Prerequisites

RSN150

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This introductory Russian unit covers the main concepts of Russian grammar and vocabulary. The material is based on developing communicative competence, as well as effective reading and writing skills.

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 short, simple texts on familiar matters of a concrete type which consist of high frequency everyday or job-related language; understand short, simple texts containing the highest frequency vocabulary, including a proportion of shared international vocabulary items.

Listening: understand enough to be able to meet needs of a concrete type provided speech is clearly and slowly articulated; understand phrases and expressions related to areas of most immediate priority (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment) provided speech is clearly and slowly

articulated.

Writing: write short, simple formulaic notes relating to matters in areas of immediate need; write a series of simple phrases and sentences linked with simple connectors like “and”, “but” and “because”.

Spoken Interaction: interact with reasonable ease in structured situations and short conversations, provided the other person helps if necessary; manage simple, routine exchanges without undue effort; ask and answer questions and exchange ideas and information on familiar topics in predictable everyday situations; communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar matters to do with work and free time; handle very short social exchanges but is rarely able to understand enough to keep conversation going on his/her own accord.

Spoken Production: give a simple presentation of people, living or working conditions, daily routines, likes/dislikes etc. as a short series of simple phrases and sentences linked into a list.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Due
<u>final written examination</u>	60%	TBA
<u>6 assignments</u>	25%	TBA
<u>oral test</u>	15%	TBA

final written examination

Due: **TBA**

Weighting: **60%**

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

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“and”, “but” and “because”.

6 assignments

Due: **TBA**

Weighting: **25%**

There will be six written assignments. Students have to submit their assignments online via the Assignment links (see <http://ilearn.mq.edu.au/> RSN155.)

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oral test

Due: **TBA**

Weighting: **15%**

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.

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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

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Unit webpage

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

Study materials are available at <http://ilearn.mq.edu.au/>.

Unit Schedule

• During this semester students will have thirteen lectures on the following aspects of Russian grammar:

Week One	The genitive case.
Week Two	Use of the verb 'есть'. The Genitive case of Adjectives.
Week Three	The Accusative case.

Week Four	The Accusative case of adjectives.
Week Five	The word 'должен'.
Week Six	Time expressions.
Week Seven	The Dative Case.
Week Eight	The Dative case Impersonal sentences.
Week Nine	The Dative Case of Adjectives and Pronouns. The words 'можно' and 'нельзя'.
Week Ten	The Instrumental Case of Nouns and Pronouns.
Week Eleven	The Instrumental Case of Adjectives and Pronouns.
Week Twelve	Russian conjunctions.
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

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

Disruption to Studies Policy 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/

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) 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

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:

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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.

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09/07/2014	updated Unit Convenor details
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