

Syllabus
Intensive 6th-year Russian I and II in St. Petersburg
SLC 598 (41430) & SLC 598 (41431)
Critical Languages Institute: Summer 2019

Textbooks & Materials:

Provided by Derzhavin Institute.

Recommended Materials:

Russian-English/English-Russian dictionary of your choice

About the course:

This course in Russian language and culture is typically taken by students who have completed at least 8 semesters of study and spent at least 1 semester in a Russian-speaking country. It is intended to enhance overall communicative competence in Russian for generalists and people who may work in government service or translation, with a special focus on knowledge of politics, culture, and economics. By the completion of this course, students are expected to achieve an ACTFL proficiency rating of Advanced Low or Advanced Mid in listening, speaking, and reading.

In addition, the course is designed to help students recognize common knowledge, beliefs, attitudes, and behavioral patterns of the Russian people, and to conform to Russian cultural norms.

Program Structure:

This class is divided into two sessions. The first session covers the material normally included in the fall semester. The second covers the material normally included in the spring semester.

You will receive two grades; one grade for each session.

Session I: June 17 - July 12 (final exam on July 12)
Session II: July 15 - August 9 (final exam on August 8 or 9)

Grading system per session:

Class participation	10%
Homework	10%
Weekly tests, quizzes, presentations	50%
Final examination	30%

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Percent</i>
A+	98–100
A	93–97
A-	90–92
B+	87–89
B	83–86
B-	80–82
C+	77–79
C	70–76
D	60–69
F	0–59

Auditing and Incompletes:

Since CLI courses are tuition free, they **cannot be taken for audit**. There is no not-for-credit option. All students will receive a grade for their class. CLI does not issue grades of **Incomplete**. Students who do not complete coursework by the end of CLI will be graded normally, with a grade of zero for any assignment not completed.

Class Time versus Homework:

This intensive course relies heavily on work performed outside the class.

Class time concentrates on activities that you cannot perform effectively without the immediate feedback of an instructor, for example: conversation, structured oral drills, active listening comprehension, etc.

Activities for which no instructor is necessary will typically be performed as homework, for example: reading, writing, composition, grammar, etc.

In particular, you will be expected to **read ahead** and to **work with material that has not yet been covered in class**. It is your responsibility to learn assigned material before class, and then come to class prepared to apply what you have learned. Instructors will not necessarily go over every homework topic in class. Instead, they will concentrate on topics that are particularly difficult or particularly important. Nonetheless, you are responsible for mastering every topic assigned, **including topics not emphasized in class**.

Participation:

Since the course relies so heavily on listening and speaking practice, attendance and participation are mandatory and count toward your final grade.

Class participation will reflect your daily preparation and active participation in class discussions. A student who is chronically late to class, leaves early, or is not prepared to participate will not receive full attendance and participation credit.

Students who miss more than **two classes** over the course of the 8-week session **without prior consent** of the instructor or CLI administration will **receive a zero** for class participation and will be asked to **withdraw** from the course.

Grading:

Testing is conducted in accordance with Russian norms. Quizzes and tests may be less frequent than they would be in a U.S. classroom and feedback may be more oral and less written than in the U.S. Grades may be determined by a small number of examinations per session. Derzhavin staff will forward session grades to on-site ASU staff who will review them and post them to your ASU course site. Students who are concerned about their grades should request feedback from their instructors and if necessary contact the ASU resident director.

Academic Dishonesty:

Academic honesty is expected of all students in all examinations, papers, laboratory work, academic transactions, and records. The possible sanctions include, but are not limited to, appropriate grade penalties, course failure (indicated on the transcript as a grade of E), course failure due to academic dishonesty (indicated on the transcript as a grade of XE), loss of registration privileges, disqualification, and dismissal. For more information, see <https://provost.asu.edu/academicintegrity>.

Students with Disabilities:

Students who need disability accommodations must register with the ASU Disability Resource Center (DRC) **before** requesting accommodations. The DRC can be reached at 480-965-1234 (V), 480-965-9000 (TTY). For additional information, visit: <https://eoss.asu.edu/drc>. Their hours are 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, Arizona time. Disability information is confidential. Accommodations must be requested in advance. Retroactive requests for accommodations may not be granted.

Note: Staff and faculty are prohibited from making accommodations for disabilities without approval from the Disabilities Resource Center. Be sure to register with DRC before requesting accommodations.

Schedule:

Class times and locations vary across groups and will be announced on site.