

Russian 481.001
Advanced Russian Conversation and Comprehension II
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Course Description

Russian 481.001 is intended for students who have completed the intermediate level of college Russian and who have already mastered the basic grammatical structure of the language and its core vocabulary. The principal course objective is to assist students in moving beyond survival-level skills in speaking Russian and to read and comprehend the language at a level that is more in keeping with their own intellectual and personal interests.

Class time will be devoted as much as possible to communicating in Russian, and each student, whatever his or her proficiency level, should try to speak in class. Homework includes watching a wide variety of videos, such as Russian news, talk shows and movies, as well as preparation for discussion in class. Since a primary purpose of this course is to develop conversational and listening skills, class participation and attendance are of the utmost importance.

In addition to your homework assignments our weekly routine will also include the following:

Every Monday	<i>Show and Tell</i> (bring something interesting and tell everybody about it!)
Every Wednesday	<i>Morning News</i> (brief description on any kind of news related to Russia)
Every Friday	<i>Class discussion on a topic, selected by students.</i>

Methods of Evaluation

Homework Assignments: There will be assignments from the textbook “Panorama.”

Tests/quizzes: There will be a test or a quiz for every 2 Lessons from “Panorama.”

Final Presentation: Plan on a 15-minute class presentation on one of the assigned topics at the end of the semester.

The course grade will be determined as follows:

Class Preparation and Participation	25%
Homework	25%
Tests/Quizzes	25%
Final Presentations	<u>25%</u>
	100%

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