

Centre for Continuing Education

Beginning Russian 1

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This course is for students with little or no ability in the Russian language. It aims to provide students with a practical basic command of the language. The emphasis of this course is on the Russian Cyrillic alphabet, pronunciation, basic grammar and conversation on simple everyday situations. Introduction to basic listening, reading, speaking and writing skills will be addressed throughout the course. Also, Russian cultural aspects will be explored. Students, who wish to develop their skills of Russian, will be welcome at the next available Beginning Russian 2.

Textbook: Routledge Intensive Russian Course (RITM), by Robin Aizlewood – approx. \$80 from ANU Coop Bookshop.

Week 1

Introducing the Russian Cyrillic alphabet
Reading and pronouncing Russian: stress
Practice of reading and writing (handwriting) letters
Vowels
Consonant (hard and soft)

Week 2

Revision of the alphabet
Syllable (pronounce Russian sounds and words), spelling rules.
Intonation. Making statements and asking questions
Conjunctions

Week 3

Noun. Gender (masculine, feminine, neuter)
Personal pronouns (person and gender)
Greeting, introducing and Russian names

Week 4

The case system. The nominative and accusative cases singular
Use of accusative: reading, listening

Week 5

The verb (forming the present tense)
1 –st conjugation
Word order and phrasing of questions/answers

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Week 6

The prepositional case. The prepositional of place. Location
Talking about personal information

Week 7

Animate accusative singular, pronoun accusative singular
Conversation about people, friends

Week 8

Possessives, demonstratives
Possessives in the accusative
Asking for things

Week 9

Noun, the plural, spelling rules
Accusative plural, inanimate
Numerals (1-20)

Week 10

Genitive case, possession, absence, lack
Use of the genitive
Genitive pronouns

Note: Students must be prepared to undertake homework throughout the course.

DATES/TIMES: 6-8pm on 10 Tuesdays from 21 July
OR
6-8pm on 10 Wednesdays from 12 August

FEE: \$299

COURSE LOCATION: The venue for this course can be found on your tax invoice/receipt (under "Course Information"). Please allow enough time to locate your course venue on the first evening.

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