

COURSE OUTLINE

RUSS-101

Elementary Russian I

4 Credits

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Description:

As a result of taking this course the student will be able to utilize the basic elements of the Russian language, which will include reading Russian with acceptable pronunciation, writing Russian words and phrases in script, speaking Russian to include making statements and answering simple Russian statements. Throughout these experiences, the student will utilize correct cases, conjugations and declensions in forming Russian sentences. Instruction focuses on oral communication and is supported by a computerized classroom and conversation specialists. (4 hours weekly)

Statement on General Education and Liberal Learning

A liberal education prepares students to lead ethical, productive, and creative lives and to understand how the pursuit of lifelong learning and critical thinking fosters good citizenship. General education courses form the core of a liberal education within the higher education curriculum and provide a coherent intellectual experience for all students by introducing the fundamental concepts and methods of inquiry in the areas of mathematics, the physical and natural sciences, the social sciences, the arts and the humanities, and composition. This course is part of the general education core experience at Howard Community College.

Overall Course Objectives:

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate his/ her ability to understand Russian by selecting correct response to oral or written statements/questions in Russian, by translating into English, matching a picture to the sentence, or choosing from several possible responses.
2. Recite a dialogue with a minimum of errors in the pronunciation of certain phonemes which he/ she practices extensively.
3. Read Russian text of average difficulty with 90% accuracy.
4. Match a maximum correct amount of words in the "Russian" column to those in the "English" column. These words will be taken from vocabulary presented frequently during the semester.
5. Choose the correct written answer from several choices, in response to a statement or question, or to write the most logical completion to an incomplete written sentence.
6. Write words containing certain vowels, consonants or combinations of those after hearing them at the time of dictation.
7. Correctly choose affirmative, interrogative and negative sentences, gender, nominative, genitive, dative, accusative, instrumental and locative case of nouns, pronouns and adjectives.

Major Topics:

- I. Phonetics
 - a. General character of Russian vowels Accentuation
 - b. The vowel and consonant sounds
 - c. Pronunciation of consecutive vowels
 - d. Palatalization of consonants
 - e. Russian script
 - f. Russian alphabet

- II. Morphology
 - a. Gender in Russian
 - b. Locative, genitive, accusative and dative cases of nouns, Pronouns and adjectives
 - c. Past and future tenses of verbs
- III. Syntax
 - a. Simple and compound sentences
 - b. Interrogative and negative sentences

Course Requirements:

Grading exams:

- Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include the following: Mid-term, and Final, Quizzes, Class participation which includes homework, tapes and lab manual, attendance in class and quality of preparation and participation.

Since Russian is an active participation course, attendance is mandatory.

Other Course Information:

This course is an Arts and Science elective, a Humanities elective, and a Humanities core.

This course is a core requirement for languages.

This course fulfills the cultural diversity requirement.