



Russian 1030 (Russian for Beginners)

Time:

Location:

Professor: Boris Savchenko

Office hours: (to be determined)

Course Learning Objectives:

Russian 1030 is an introductory course for students with no prior knowledge of Russian. Students with OAC Russian, grade 12U or equivalent must consult the department before registering. **The course aims to:**

- ✓ develop the ability to comprehend Russian in a variety of social situations
- ✓ offer a better understanding of Russian (as well as English) sentence structure through a sound overview of basic syntax
- ✓ enable students to express themselves in Russian in different cultural contexts
- ✓ develop insights into the culture and history of Russian-speaking countries
- ✓ encourage positive attitudes to language learning in general and a deeper understanding of other societies and cultures
- ✓ further intellectual and personal development by promoting the student's general communicative capacity
- ✓ provide a starting point and linguistic foundation for progression to Russian 2200 (second-year Russian).

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, **students are expected to be able to:**

- ✚ write and read simple sentences and paragraphs in Russian
- ✚ pronounce Russian accurately
- ✚ communicate using basic Russian expressions
- ✚ express basic ideas and emotions in simple sentences and dialogues, e.g., introducing people, inquiring about their health, studies, work, asking them about their interests etc.
- ✚ ask and answer questions on a variety of practical topics, e.g., university programs, the weather, pastimes, jobs, everyday life in the Russian-speaking world, food, entertainment, family life etc.
- ✚ describe surroundings and common objects, e.g., clothing, furniture, means of transportation etc.
- ✚ understand certain differences and similarities between Russian-speaking countries and North America.

Texts (UWO Book Store):

Required: *Голоса (Golosa) – A Basic Course in Russian (Book 1)*, 5th ed., (includes a textbook, a student activities manual (workbook) and a multimedia CD)

*You will need to **bring your textbook to every class**. The workbook contains assignments which review the contents of each chapter and which are to be handed in to your instructor on the prescribed dates (see below).

Recommended: *501 Russian Verbs*

*You are strongly encouraged to use this book. It contains Russian verbs (with their conjugations and other forms) arranged in alphabetical order. This book will stand you in good stead not only for the purpose of this course, but in the long run.

Other Academic Matters: *UWO Academic Calendar* (see Academic Policies/Regulations).

Mark Breakdown

<i>Classroom Tests</i>	12% (4x3%)
<i>Midterm I (in class)</i>	15%
<i>Midterm II (in class)</i>	15%
<i>Classroom Quizzes</i>	9% (9x1%)
<i>Home Work</i>	5%
<i>Participation</i>	14%
<i>Final examination</i> (3 hours)	30%

*(4 Classroom Tests 3% each). The Tests will be written in the regular class hours (approximately 30 minutes)

** (2 midterms 15% each). The midterms will be written in the regular class hours (approximately 1:30-2 hours).

*** (9 Quizzes 1% each) Will be written in the regular class hours (approximately 10 minutes)

**** **Late submissions of homework will not be accepted.**

*****Participation (14%) Active participation in class is *essential* ingredient for success in any language course.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING UNIVERSITY REGULATION: A student is entitled to be examined in courses in which registration is maintained, subject to the following limitations:

a) A student may be debarred from writing the final examination for failure to maintain satisfactory standing throughout the year.

b) Any student who, in the opinion of the instructor, is absent too frequently from class or laboratory periods in any course, **will be** reported to the Dean, (after due warning been given). On the recommendation of the Department concerned, and with the permission of the Dean, the student will be debarred from taking the regular examination in the course.

Please visit the Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness

(<https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/index.cfm>) for more information on medical absences from midterms, tests and regular classes.

*****The final examination is *cumulative*, i.e., it covers the entire year. It is timetabled by the Office of the Registrar, without any input from the Department. Since it may be scheduled for any date during the April examination period, and since students must write at a scheduled time, you should not make any plans which might run into conflict with the examination timetable.

N.B. Make sure your UWO e-mail accounts are operational.

N.B. No electronic devices are allowed in the classroom

Class conduct (See University's Code of conduct)

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are invited to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site:

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf .

Plagiarism Checking

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(<http://www.turnitin.com>).”

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<http://westernusc.ca/services/>).

“Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western <http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/> for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.”