A) **Course Description**

This course is designed to give the students a basic understanding of the nature of Russian language as a second foreign language and an overview of basic Russian grammar and aims to give the students an introduction to Russian culture. The course consists of listening carefully and participating in class.

B) **Objectives**

The course aims to teach the students to speak the daily Russian language using basic Russian grammar. Students, who will attend this course regularly will develop their knowledge and understanding of basic Russian grammar, basic Russian vocabulary and Russian culture.

C) **Assessment**

Students will take one midterm and one final exam throughout the course. The percentage of the midterm exam will make 30%, the final exam 50% and the classroom discussions and general behaviour in class 20% of the total mark. Participating in class does not merely mean attending the sessions but being involved in class activities.

20% CPG
30% Midterm
50% Final
D) Attendance

It is extremely important to attend classes regularly in order to complete this course successfully. Unexcused absence of more than 12 hours will result in immediate failure. Students should avoid being late to class, otherwise they will be marked as absent. If students are absent from class, it is their responsibility to find out what happened in that class, and to be prepared for the following class, including the completion of any homework which may have been assigned. In case of excused absence, submitting a legal document to the instructor is obligatory.

E) Course Outline

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### Week 6
(1.11 – 5.11)
- Continue to Cyrillic Alphabet
- Reading syllables, simple sentences and writing them
- Phonetic exercises

### Week 7
(8.11 – 12.11)
- Introduction to personal pronouns
- Greetings
- Continue gender of nouns
- Introduction to possessive pronouns
- Conjunction ‘a’ in Russian
- Phonetic exercises
- General review

### Week 8
(22.11- 28.11)
**MIDTERM**
- Listening part
  - Listening texts, answering questions.
- Grammar part
  - Answering questions about;
    - Demonstrative pronoun 'this',
    - 3rd singular personal pronouns,
    - Gender of nouns,
- Vocabulary
  - Answering questions, filling in the blanks or choosing the correct answer.
  (vocabulary from beginning to Midterm)
- Translation
  - Translating sentences from English into Russian.

*Parts of exam might be changed!*

### Week 9
(29.11 -3.12)
- Continue possessive pronouns
- Continue greetings
- Breaking down dialogues
- Phonetic exercises

### Week 10
(6.12 -10.12)
- Negative clauses
- Introduction to imperatives of some verbs.
- Breaking down dialogues
- Review of gender of nouns
- Phonetic exercises

**Week 11**  
(13.12 – 17.12)

- Comparing question words for animate and inanimate nouns
- Specifying place, directions
- Breaking down dialogues

**Week 12**  
(20.12 – 24.12)

- Introduction to plural form of nouns
- Breaking down dialogues
- Phonetic exercises

**Week 13**  
(27.12 – 31.12)

- Question word 'whose'
- Introduction to accusative case personal pronouns
- Breaking down dialogues

**Week 14**  
(3.1 – 7.1.2011)

- Introduction to greetings
- Conjugation of verb знать
- Breaking down dialogues

**Week 15**  
(10.1 – 14.1.2011)

- General review.

**Week 16**  
(24.1 – 4.2.2011)

**FINAL EXAM**

**Listening part**
- Listening text, answering questions or choosing true multiple choice by text.

**Grammar part**
- Answering questions about;
  - Personal pronouns,
  - Possessive pronouns,
  - Conjunction 'a',
  - Negative clauses,
  - Plural form of nouns,
  - Question word 'whose'.

**Vocabulary**
• Answering questions, filling in the blanks or choosing the correct answer.
  (vocabulary from beginning to Final Exam)

  Translation
  • Translating sentences from English into Russian.

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