

Russian Beginners One COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY

The following is an approximate list of content covered during term 1 & 2 of the course.

Please read carefully and ensure you choose the correct level for you.

This course is intended for complete beginners and designed for those with no previous knowledge of the language.

If you know more than 65% of the content in the course, your level is too advanced and you should check Russian Beginners Two.

1. Vocabulary and Themes

- Greeting words and expressions; how to say hello and goodbye
- Vocabulary/ expressions to ask people how they are and responding
- Introducing and talking about yourself
- Vocabulary on the topic "Family" - family members, their names and professions, where they live and work
- My university - names of facilities at the campus, names of places I mostly go to/enjoy going to
- My academic life - names of academic subjects and majors, timetable/schedule, the days of the week
- My typical weekend – vocabulary and expressions about how you usually spend your free time, what you like to do, where you like to go, your interests, likes and dislikes
- At home/My accommodation - names of the rooms in a house/flat, names of pieces of furniture, describing your room/ house/flat and /or your family home, relevant expressions/ constructions on the topic
- Numerals – counting from 1 to 100

Additional material (Optional)

- The area I live in – describing your neighbourhood, what you can find there. Vocabulary and expressions on renting accommodation
- Food and drink – names of food; where people can shop for food

2. Grammar

- The Russian Alphabet
- Gender of nouns
- Nominative Case
- Personal and possessive pronouns
- Use of the Prepositional Case singular in answering the question "Where?"/"ГДЕ?"
- The Present Tense of verbs
- 1st and 2nd Conjugation verb endings
- Adjective endings for the Nominative Case singular (sg)
- Noun and Adjective endings for the Accusative Case sg
- Use of Accusative Case in answering the question "Where to?"/"КУДА?"
- Nominative plural forms for nouns and adjectives
- Accusative plural forms for inanimate nouns and adjectives
- "To Have" Constructions (У меня есть...)
- "To Not Have" Construction: use of the Genitive Case for nouns (У меня нет...)
- The Past Tense of verbs
- The Genitive Case expressing negation
- Use of Genitive Case when indicating proximity ("ОКОЛО, НЕДАЛЕКО ОТ")

3. Speaking

- Greetings and saying goodbye
- Introducing yourself and asking for someone's name
- Asking how people are
- Talking about yourself
- Talking about your family, friends and pets
- Describing your university campus
- Talking about your favourite places/ facilities at the campus
- Your timetable, favourite /hard /easy subjects, your major
- Talking about your weekends: what your typical Saturdays/Sundays are like
- Talking about things/ activities you usually enjoy doing, your favourite music, books, TV programs, films
- Talking about places you like to go to when you have free time (disco, cinema, concerts, museums, etc.)
- Describing your accommodation (house, apartment, dorm)
- Talking about your family home
- Looking for a place to rent; searching through Russian advertisements on accommodation
- Talking to/calling a landlord/agency, asking for information about an apartment to rent

Additional material (Optional)

- How to make a call and answer a phone
- How to arrange or cancel a meeting with a friend/ colleague
- Talking about food (what you like/do not like to eat or drink)
- Discussing what food to buy and where

4. Introduction to Russian Culture

- Customs and Traditions
- History
- Literature
- Cinema
- Music
- Ballet
- Art

5. Textbook

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