

Russian: Language and Text I (A005667)

Course size *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

Credits 8.0

Study time 240 h

Course offerings in academic year 2026-2027

A (semester 1)

Dutch, Russian

Gent

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Teaching languages

Russian, Dutch

Keywords

Russian, linguistics.

Position of the course

This advanced course, which builds on the course units Russian: language structures B and Russian: language practice B, aims for an active and passive command of the Russian language. The student learns to speak about various topics, to understand more complex spoken and written texts on different themes and to write independently.

Contents

The course consists of two major components: language structures and language use. Grammar is further learned and practiced within language structures. Reading skills are used, among other things, as a starting point for learning grammar. Vocabulary is expanded and reading skills are developed based on texts on various topics. Language use includes further training of listening skills, writing skills and speaking skills. Various everyday themes are discussed during the conversation lessons. The listening material is given as homework and discussed further during the speaking skills lessons. In addition, attention is also paid to writing skills, e.g. writing letters, essays, summaries, etc. The content of this course corresponds to CEFR level B1.

Initial competences

To have completed Russian: Grammar I and Russian: Language Proficiency I and to have successfully completed Russian: Grammar II and Russian: Language Proficiency II or to have acquired the intended competencies in another way.

Final competences

- 1 To have a basic / intermediate knowledge of Russian grammar.
- 2 Reading authentic texts of intermediate complexity in different genres.
- 3 Understanding discourses about a common topic.
- 4 Writing a coherent text about a familiar topic.
- 5 Communicating about a familiar topic.
- 6 To get acquainted with the culture in the broadest sense of the word through language.

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Seminar, Independent work

Extra information on the teaching methods

- Seminar in which the course material is explained and exercises are made and reading skills are trained based on different text types. Speaking exercises, listening exercises.
- Independent work: homework with correction and discussion via Ufora and during class.
- No recordings will be made available.

Study material

Type: Handbook

Name: Russische grammatica
Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty
Optional: yes
Author : P. HOUTZAGERS (ed.by)
ISBN : 9-062-83293-8
Number of Pages : 672
Oldest Usable Edition : 2003
Online Available : Yes
Available in the Library : Yes
Available through Student Association : No
Usability and Lifetime within the Course Unit : regularly
Usability and Lifetime within the Study Programme : regularly
Usability and Lifetime after the Study Programme : occasionally
Additional information: <https://books.ugp.rug.nl/index.php/ugp/catalog/book/149>

Type: Handbook

Name: A Comprehensive Russian Grammar
Indicative price: € 42
Optional: yes
Language : English
Author : Wade T.
ISBN : 0-631-20757-0
Number of Pages : 596
Oldest Usable Edition : 2000
Online Available : No
Available in the Library : Yes
Available through Student Association : No
Usability and Lifetime within the Course Unit : regularly
Usability and Lifetime within the Study Programme : regularly
Usability and Lifetime after the Study Programme : occasionally

Type: Handbook

Name: Russian Grammar in Tables
Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty
Optional: no
Language : English
Author : Kuzmina N. V.
ISBN : 978-5-97650-966-5
Number of Pages : 101
Oldest Usable Edition : 2017
Online Available : No
Available in the Library : Yes
Available through Student Association : No
Usability and Lifetime within the Course Unit : regularly
Usability and Lifetime within the Study Programme : regularly
Usability and Lifetime after the Study Programme : occasionally

Additional information: Available electronically via Ufora.

Type: Handbook

Name: Chistaya grammatica. Sankt-Peterburg, 2012.
Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty
Optional: no
Language : Other
Author : E.R. LASKAREVA
ISBN : 978-5-86547-462-3
Number of Pages : 336
Oldest Usable Edition : 2008
Online Available : Yes
Available in the Library : Yes
Available through Student Association : No
Usability and Lifetime within the Course Unit : regularly
Usability and Lifetime within the Study Programme : one-time
Usability and Lifetime after the Study Programme : occasionally
Additional information: available electronically via Ufora

Type: Other

Name: Tolkovyy slovar russkogo yazyka
Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty
Optional: yes
Author : OZHEGOV S.I., SHVEDOVA N.Yu.
Oldest Usable Edition : 2002
Available on Ufora : No
Online Available : Yes
Available in the Library : Yes
Available through Student Association : No
Usability and Lifetime within the Course Unit : regularly
Usability and Lifetime within the Study Programme : regularly
Usability and Lifetime after the Study Programme : regularly
Additional information: <https://slovarozhegova.ru/>

Type: Other

Name: Groot Nederlands-Russisch Woordenboek,
Indicative price: € 97
Optional: yes
Author : van den Baar, A.H.
ISBN : 978-9-06143-273-9
Number of Pages : 1296
Oldest Usable Edition : 2000
Available on Ufora : No
Online Available : No
Available in the Library : Yes
Available through Student Association : No
Usability and Lifetime within the Course Unit : regularly
Usability and Lifetime within the Study Programme : regularly
Usability and Lifetime after the Study Programme : regularly

Type: Other

Name: Compilation exercises Russian
Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty
Optional: no
Available on Ufora : Yes
Online Available : No
Available in the Library : No
Available through Student Association : No
Usability and Lifetime within the Course Unit : regularly
Usability and Lifetime after the Study Programme : not

Type: Other

Name: Groot Russisch-Nederlands Woordenboek
Indicative price: € 97
Optional: yes
Language : Dutch
Author : HONSELAAR W.
ISBN : 906143274X
Number of Pages : 1699
Oldest Usable Edition : 2002
Available on Ufora : No
Online Available : No
Available in the Library : Yes
Available through Student Association : No
Usability and Lifetime within the Course Unit : regularly
Usability and Lifetime within the Study Programme : regularly
Usability and Lifetime after the Study Programme : regularly

References

Course content-related study coaching

Office hours of lecturers; interactive coaching via Ufora.

Assessment moments

end-of-term and continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period

Oral assessment, Written assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period

Oral assessment, Written assessment

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Oral assessment, Skills test

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form

Extra information on the examination methods

The student's progress is evaluated on a regular basis through interim tests, tasks and assignments. The evaluation is done in 2 skill clusters: 1) grammar and reading skills, and 2) listening skills + speaking skills + writing skills.
If the student has missed a written or oral test due to demonstrable, serious circumstances (e.g. illness), he/she will be given the opportunity to take this test;
If there are no demonstrable, compelling reasons, he/she will not be given that opportunity.

Calculation of the examination mark

Periodic evaluation (70%):

The exam consists of:

- a written part (grammar, reading skills, listening skills, writing skills);
- an oral part (speaking skills).

Non-periodical evaluation (30%):

- interim tests, tasks and assignments.

The student must pass both skill clusters, NPE and PE taken together.

If the student does not participate in the evaluation of one or two clusters or has less than 10/20 for one or two clusters, he/she cannot pass the entire course. If the average final score is a grade of ten or more out of twenty, this will be reduced to the highest non-deliberative grade (8/20). For an unsuccessful cluster, sufficient marks can be transferred to the second examination period.

Facilities for Working Students

1. Attendance is mandatory for a number of teaching moments (tests).
2. No possibility to take an exam at a different time.
3. Possibility of feedback at another time: by appointment

Extra information:

This is a voluminous course that requires an intensive hands-on approach. It is nearly impossible to acquire the required skills without assistance.

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For more information concerning flexible learning: contact the monitoring service of the Faculty of Arts and Philosophy.