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Teaching course “Russian for Foreigners (Introductory, Basic)”

Themes	№ week
AN INTRODUCTORY LEXICAL AND GRAMMATICAL COURSE — 3 weeks	
Theme 1. Grammar: Alphabet. Pronunciation. Nouns in singular. Animate and inanimate nouns. The gender of nouns. Nouns in plural. Personal pronouns. Possessive pronouns. Lexical topics: 1. Introducing myself. 2. My family. 3. My room.	1
Theme 2. Grammar: The present tense of the verb. Complex sentences. Numerals. The demonstrating pronouns. Conjugation of Russian verb. The Adverb. Lexical topics: 1. My class-room. 2. Russian lessons. 3. Food store.	2
Theme 3. Grammar: The Adjective. The ordinal numerals. Days of week. Past and Future tenses of the verb. Lexical topics: 1. My schedule. 2. The weather.	3
THE BASIC COURSE. THE USES OF THE CASES — 5 weeks	
Theme 4. Grammar: The Prepositional case (denoting the place of an action; object of speech or thought; time; clothes; transport). Lexical topic: My city.	4
Theme 5. Grammar: The Accusative case. Verb aspects. The Accusative with the verbs of motion. The Accusative denoting time. Lexical topics: 1. My university. 2. Free time.	5
Theme 6. Grammar: The Genitive case (sentences of negation; the Genitive with numerals; the Genitive denoting possessions; the Genitive denoting date, time; the Genitive with prepositions). Lexical topic: My country.	6
Theme 7. Grammar: The Dative case (denoting the recipient; the Dative denoting age; the Dative in impersonal sentences: expression of statements, emotions, necessity). Lexical topic: My friend.	7
Theme 8. Grammar: The Instrumental case (denoting joint action; the Instrumental in the compound predicate; the Instrumental denoting the instrument of action; the Instrumental with prepositions). Lexical topic: My future profession.	8
Final examination on speaking, writing and listening.	8

Forms of Examination and Methods of Assessment

Skills	Max score
Writing and listening	40
Speaking	60
Total	100

After graduation, students will receive certificates of V.N.Karazin Kharkiv National University indicating listened rates, number of hours, the evaluation of a 100-point scale and the system A-F:

A+ = 97-100	B+ = 87-89	C+ = 77-79	D+ = 67-69	F = 0-60
A = 93-96	B = 83-86	C = 73-76	D = 65-66	
A- = 90-92	B- = 80-82	C- = 70-72	C- = 60-64	

Annotation of the Discipline

1	<i>Title of the course</i>	<i>“Russian for Foreigners (Introductory, Basic)”</i>
2	<i>Description and the objectives of the course</i>	<p>This course’s main goal is to guide students towards basic communicative competence in Russian. The focus is to further strengthen listening, speaking, reading, writing, and communication skills. The course integrates language learning with interactive tasks that enhance communication and comprehension skills. Students will learn basic vocabulary that is needed in real life communication situations while living in Ukraine. This course combines lectures with student conversations and dialogue games.</p> <p><i>Topical Course Outline</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The alphabet, learning to read and write; • Oral pronunciation, listening comprehension and basic vocabulary; • Naming things (body parts, classroom materials, and everyday items); • Accumulation of vocabulary related to everyday life in Ukraine; • Basic greeting, simple questions, formal and informal speech; • Verbs in present, past and future tense, verbs aspects, adjectives, adverbs, nouns, pronouns and conjunctions; • Conversation practice;

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading, listening and translating short and simple texts.
3	<i>Number of academic hours</i>	256 academic hours
4	<i>Forms and teaching methods of the course</i>	Explanations, conversations, dialogue games, short writing assignments
5	<i>System of assessment</i>	100 points after final examination on speaking, writing and listening