

## Intermediate Russian II

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### Learning goals

This course is tailored for students of varying backgrounds, including those who were born in a Russian-speaking family but have not completed formal education in the language. The course focuses on improving your writing skills and broadening your vocabulary. We will review familiar grammar and study some advanced grammatical structures. Particular attention is given to vocabulary building, idiomatic expressions, and drills in spoken Russian.

### Course Materials

Our main course book will be **В пути: Russian Grammar in Context, Olga Kagan & Frank Miller (Prentice hall, 1996)**. Some additional material will be taken from the various text books which will be provided at the beginning of the course. We will also watch some modern Russian films to improve listening skills. Several short stories, both contemporary and classic, will be studied to broaden your vocabulary. We will also listen to some recorded material in Russian and watch some language programs on video in order to improve listening skills.

**'Russian Prague' as a living classroom.** Our class takes advantage of the multitude of Russian cultural events that Prague offers. Many trips to performances, including opera, modern plays, and musical concerts are arranged as a part of the course. Various field-trips are undertaken to allow students to get to know Russian culture intimately. To get a feeling of Russian art, Russian history and literature, we will travel even further: to the picturesque town of Nachod and to the splendid spa-resort of Karlovy Vary.

Russian dinner and talks on various aspects of Russian culture and history provide an opportunity to use spoken Russian in everyday situations.

### Grading

Attendance, participation, homework	40%
Midterm test	20%
Final examination	40%

You will be asked to prepare essays as a part of the midterm test and final exam.