

Elementary Russian I

NYU in Prague

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Learning goals

- This course is tailored for students who have never taken Russian but some linguistic awareness is expected and welcome. Students will be introduced to the grammatical complexity of the Russian language and will have the opportunity to master enough Russian to cope with everyday situations in Russian.

Grammar topics will be *The Cases, Plural Form of Nouns, Formation of Adjectives, Formation of Adverbs, Numerals, Verb Conjugation, Verbs of Motion etc.*

Topics for discussion will include *Food, Clothing, Sport, Hobbies, Professions and careers.*

Course Materials

Our main course book will be **A Basic Course in Russian, Book 1, by Richard Robin, Kathryn Henry and Joanna Robin** (Prentice hall, 1998). Some additional material will be taken from the various text books. 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%

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