

**Centre for Russian and Central Asian Studies
School of International Studies, JNU**

Course: Ph.D

Course Title: Russian Language

Course Type: Compulsory course

Course Teacher: Dr Preeti D. Das

Credit: Two

Semester – Two Semesters (monsoon and winter)

Contact Hours – Two per week

Course Objective – In this course students will learn:

- Reading and writing in Russian Language
- Develop skills in basic communication in Russian Language
- To be able to refer to primary source material for research
- Specific features of Russian Culture
- Acquaintance with Russian writer – Chekhov (in English)
- Prepare students for a small trip to Russia

- **Learning Outcomes of Russian Language**
 - Students would be able to read and write in Russian.
 - Students would develop basic communication skills in Russian.
 - Students would get acquainted with basic Russian etiquette
 - Students would be able to identify & access some literature related to their research area

Evaluation Methods

Instruction Method – Interactive lecture/ Practical class (Student Teacher interaction in Russian Language)/Q&A

Medium of instruction – Initial in English/ Hindi (First Semester) followed by Russian

– Mid Term sessional/ End semester examination

- Evaluation of class performance would be based on
 - Active participation in the class discussion/ question-answer
 - Readings (dialogue/ passage) in the class
 - Timely submission of home assignments
- Home assignments
 - Practice writing Russian Alphabets

- Practice Russian exercises
- Writing of small sentences/essays

First Semester

Introduction to Russian Phonetics

Introduction to Russian alphabets, writing style, basic phonetical rules

- Speech patterns – How to introduce oneself in Russian
- Reduction of vowel sounds
- Voiced and voiceless consonant sounds
- Syllables and stress
- Understanding intonation
- Simple sentence formation
- Class conversation - Work with new vocabulary
- Exercises

Introduction to Russian Grammar - 1

- Speech patterns – How to introduce one's family and friends
- Parts of Speech
 - Patterns of Russian nouns and adjectives
 - Personal and possessive pronouns
 - Simple question formation
- Class conversation - Work with new vocabulary
- Exercises

Introduction to Russian Grammar - 2

- Speech patterns – Elementary speech etiquette
- Parts of Speech (continuation)
 - Declension of Russian nouns and adjectives
 - Declension of personal and possessive pronouns
- Introduction to Russian transitive-intransitive verbs
 - Verb conjugation (present tense)
- Dialogue –At the shopping complex
- Class conversation - Work with new vocabulary
- Activity

Russian Grammar (Main Course – part 1)

- Speech patterns – Newspaper material covering current Russian political news
- Introduction to Russian case system
- Russian Verbs (continuation) –Verbs focusing newspaper language
 - Verb – 'To be'

- Past tense and future tense
- Verbs of motion
- Dialogue – At the Airport (Consulate)
- Text – Simplified text from the newspaper
- Class conversation - Work with new vocabulary
- Activity

Second Semester

Revision of Russian grammar

- Speech pattern – At the university
- Declension of Russian nouns and adjectives
- Declension of personal and possessive pronouns
- Russian verbs

Russian grammar (Main course – part 2)

- Speech patterns – Newspaper material/ Short Russian tale
- Russian case system – in literary text (para)
- Russian Verbs aspects
 - Verb aspects – Past tense and future tense
- Dialogue – At the library/ university/ metro station
- Text – Simplified text from the research article
- Class conversation - Work with new vocabulary/ grammatical categories
- Activity - creating bibliography

Russian grammar in text

- Text – related to short story
- Text – related to current events
- Text – related to travel
- Grammar – Verbs of motion (continuation)

Class Teaching Materials

- Material specially designed by the class teacher for Social Science student
- Newspaper – Izvestia/ Komsomolskaya Pravda
- YouTube – Videos related to writing of letters and acquainting students with pronunciation

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