

THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO  
DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES (UC 115)  
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**Intermediate Russian 2200** (former 200 [020])

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**Course Aims**

Russian 2200 seeks to reinforce and expand the material covered in Russian 1030 (Russian for Beginners). Russian 2200 utilizes a multi-skill approach: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. A key objective in this course is to encourage students to speak as much Russian in the classroom as possible.

Russian 2200 has the following objectives:

- To continue developing the ability to comprehend Russian in a variety of social situations
- To build the students' capacity to express themselves in Russian in different cultural contexts
- To enrich insights into the culture and history of Russian-speaking countries
- To keep promoting positive attitudes to language learning in general and a deeper understanding of other societies and cultures
- To review material covered in Russian 1030 in order to reinforce the knowledge of Russian syntax, phonetics and morphology in comparison to English
- To further intellectual and personal development by developing the student's general communicative capacity
- To provide a foundation for further study of Russian.

**Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of this course, students are expected to be able to do the following:

- Further master the Russian sound system in a way that will allow for smoother conversation
- Communicate using a variety of Russian expressions and idioms with a growing degree of complexity
- Orally Express relatively complex ideas and emotions in various sentences and dialogues in Russian
- Write fairly complex sentences and short essays in Russian
- Understand relatively challenging reading passages (including short literary texts) in Russian
- Ask and answer questions on a variety of concrete and abstract topics, e.g., university programs, pastimes, jobs, everyday life in the Russian-speaking world, food, entertainment, family life, politics, literature, the arts, history etc.
- Expand the basic Russian vocabulary to a level which would allow greater flexibility in communication
- Understand a considerable number of differences and similarities between Russian-speaking countries and North America

## Contact Hours

Russian 2200 requires **2 two-hour** class meetings per week.

**Time:** Monday / Wednesday 11:30-1:30 p.m.; **Location:** University College 201

## Texts (UWO Book Store):

Required: *Голоса (Golosa) – A Basic Course in Russian (Book 2)*, 4th ed., (includes a textbook, a student activities manual (workbook) an audio CD and a multimedia CD)

\*You will need to **bring the textbook to every class**. The workbook contains assignments which review the contents of each chapter and which are to be handed in to your instructor on the prescribed dates (see below).

Recommended: *501 Russian Verbs*

\*You are strongly encouraged to use this book. It contains Russian verbs (with their conjugations and other forms) arranged in alphabetical order. This book will stand you in good stead not only for the purpose of this course, but in the long run.

**Other Academic Matters:** *UWO Academic Calendar* (see Academic Policies/Regulations).

## Mark Breakdown

1. *Midterm I* (2 hours in class) **12%**  
2. *Midterm II* (2 hours in class) **17%**

3. *Classroom quizzes* **21%**

There will be seven scheduled chapter quizzes, worth 3% each. The quizzes will be written in the regular class hours.

4. *Written assignments* **10%**

The written assignment for each chapter will be done in the *Student Activity Manual*. There will be 11 assignments. Each complete assignment will be worth 0.9% of the final grade. **Late submissions will not be accepted.**

5. *Attendance* **10%**

6. *Final examination* (3 hours) **25%**

The final examination is *cumulative*, i.e., it covers the entire year. It is timetabled by the Office of the Registrar, without any input from the Department. Since it may be scheduled for any date during the April examination period, and since students must write at a scheduled time, you should not make any plans which might run into conflict with the examination timetable.

7. *Assignments at instructor's discretion* **5%**

**Course Calendar** (assignments are to be handed in on the day of each quiz/midterm)  
**N.B.** We will *try* to follow this schedule, and students will be notified of any changes.

- Sept. 8:** First class: meet instructor; start Урок 1 (duration: 4 classes)
- Sept. 22:** hand in Урок 1 assignment; **Quiz** on Урок 1; start Урок 2 (duration: 5 classes)
- Oct. 8:** hand in Урок 2 assignment; **Quiz** on Урок 2; start Урок 3 (duration: 5 classes)
- Oct. 13:** Thanksgiving Holiday
- Oct. 29:** hand in Урок 3 assignment; **Quiz** on Урок 3; start Урок 4 (duration: 5 classes)
- Nov. 17:** hand in Урок 4 assignment; **Midterm** on Уроки 1-4 (no separate quiz on Урок 4)
- Nov. 19:** start Урок 5 (duration: 5 classes)
- Dec. 3:** hand in Урок 5 assignment; **Quiz** on Урок 5; start Урок 6 (duration: 5 classes)<sup>1</sup>
- Jan. 19:** hand in Урок 6 assignment; **Quiz** on Урок 6; start Урок 7 (duration: 5 classes)
- Feb. 4:** hand in Урок 7 assignment; **Quiz** on Урок 7; start Урок 8 (duration: 5 classes)
- Feb. 16-20:** Conference Week (Reading Week; Slack Week; Catch-up Time)
- March 2:** hand in Урок 8 assignment; **Midterm** on Уроки 5-8 (no separate quiz on Урок 8)
- March 4:** start Урок 9 (duration: 5 classes)
- March 23:** hand in Урок 9 assignment; **Quiz** on Урок 9; start Урок 10 (duration: 5 classes)
- April 8:** hand in Урок 9 assignment

**N.B.** Make sure your UWO e-mail accounts are operational.

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<sup>1</sup> Last day of first term classes: Dec. 3, 2008. Classes resume on Jan. 5, 2009.

**Prerequisites:** Russian 1030 or Grade 12U Russian or the former OAC Russian or the former Russian 002, 04 permission of the Department.

### Definition of Plagiarism

Plagiarism is a major academic offense (see Scholastic Offense Policy in the Western Academic Calendar). Plagiarism is the inclusion of someone else's **verbatim** or **paraphrased** text in one's own written work without immediate reference. Verbatim text must be surrounded by quotation marks or indented if it is longer than four lines. A reference must follow right after borrowed material (usually the author's name and page number). Without immediate reference to borrowed material, a list of sources at the end of a written assignment does not protect a writer against the possible charge of plagiarism. The University of Western Ontario uses a plagiarism-checking site called Turnitin.com.

### Absenteeism

Students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds for any missed tests, exams, participation components and/or assignments must apply to the Academic Counselling office of their home Faculty and provide documentation. Academic accommodation cannot be granted by the instructor or department.

- UWO's *Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness*: <https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/index.cfm>
- Downloadable Student Medical Certificate (SMC): <https://studentservices.uwo.ca> under the Medical Documentation heading