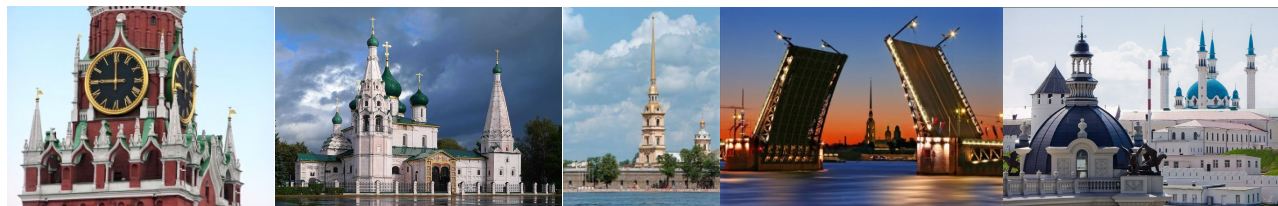


Class time and location: MTRF 10-11 a.m. Room 16-654

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Course Website: <http://stellar.mit.edu/S/course/21G/fa17/21G.611/>

Textbooks Website: <https://ccle.ucla.edu/course/view/beginrussn>

Course Description

21G.611 is part of the two-semester Introductory Russian Course for students with no prior knowledge of Russian. The course emphasizes the development of communicative and cultural competence, as well as mastering the foundations of Russian grammar and vocabulary. Using print and online textbook resources, as well as additional materials (songs, videos, cultural lessons), we will work on developing speaking, reading, and writing skills. By the end of the academic year, you will have a working vocabulary of about one thousand words, familiarity with a number of conversational topics, a systematic understanding of the basic Russian grammar, knowledge of cultural traditions and communicative norms. The course combines instruction in Russian and in English. The main textbook for the class is *Beginner's Russian*, we will also use some resources from the online textbook *Mezhdunami (Between Us)* (<http://www.mezhdunami.org>)

Course Materials

Beginners Russian (Kudyma, Kagan, Miller) – Available at the COOP (\$22.00) – this textbook will be used in both Russian I and Russian II classes

Additional Handouts with chapter syllabi, grammar review, homework activities Please get a binder!

Course Requirements and Grading:

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| 1) Regular attendance and class participation, timely completion of homework | (30%) |
| 2) Short quizzes | (20%) |
| 3) Two tests | (30%) |
| 4) Speaking evaluation: mid-term reading/ speaking evaluation | (10%) |
| End of the semester personal interview and a brief (2-min.) class presentation | (10%) |

NO FINAL EXAM

Grading Criteria:

- 1) **Attendance and participation:** Student attendance and active participation is essential for success in the course. **More than four unexcused absences will result in the lowering of grade for attendance and participation.** Class participation will rely on your work at home – completing the reading, listening to and repeating the dialogues, learning new vocabulary and being prepared to participate in conversation activities.
- 2) **Chapter Quizzes:** short quizzes for key grammar and vocabulary units are designed to help you keep track of your progress in the course.
- 3) **Tests (10/27 and 12/06):** the two tests during the semester to cover the main grammar topics that we have studied. If you know in advance that you have to be absent due to a legitimate reason (conference, lab, research group meetings, job interviews), or if you are absent due to an illness, please get in touch with your instructor to arrange date and time for a make-up test date.
- 4) **Speaking evaluation:**
Mid-semester: Individual meeting with the instructor to go over reading and basic speaking skills
End of the semester: - Interview with the instructor to cover main topics and dialogue models
- Brief class presentation (5-6 sentences): sharing information, answering 2 questions from the list.

Classroom Policies:

- Please be on time; repeated tardiness will affect your class participation grade.
- No cell phones or texting, please.
- You are expected to contribute to a positive learning environment. This class relies heavily on all of you working together, and it will include a variety of small group and pair exercises. Please be patient and understanding of each other's learning styles and pace.

Academic Integrity: Please familiarize yourself with the MIT Statement on Academic Integrity (<http://integrity.mit.edu/>)

Enrollment Cap Policy: Enrollment limited to 18 due to pedagogical reasons. Pre-registered students and students concentrating in Russian and Eurasian Studies receive priority in registration. In case of over-enrollment, preference will be given in the following order: concentrators, pre-registered students (sophomores, juniors, freshmen, seniors, and graduate students).

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Fall semester office hours (14N-224): Mon., 1-2 p.m., Friday, 9-10 a.m. and by appointment.

Additional Resources and Contacts:

MIT Russian Program Head: Professor Elizabeth Wood, History Department (elizwood@mit.edu)

MISTI-EURASIA: Internships and Global Teaching Lab Programs in Russia and Kazakhstan
<http://misti.mit.edu/mit-russia>

Fall Info Sessions: October 4 and Nov. 14, 5-6:30 p.m. (Bush Room, 10-105)

Contact MISTI-Eurasia Program Manager Ekaterina Zabrovskaya (zabroves@mit.edu)