

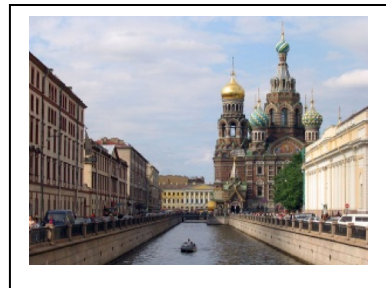
MTRF 12-1 p.m.; Room 1-379

Instructor: Maria Khotimsky

## ДОБРО ПОЖАЛОВАТЬ! WELCOME!

**Course Website:** <http://stellar.mit.edu/S/course/21G/fa17/21G.613/>

Most course materials, videos, audios and quizzes will be located on the course Canvas website. Links to the Canvas Website will be available on Stellar. You will receive details about access once you have registered for the class.



### Course Description

21G.613 is part of the two-semester intermediate Russian language course that offers a comprehensive review and expansion of grammar and vocabulary. The course follows a communicative approach, enabling students to interact, express themselves, and explore information in a variety of contexts. We will view two films, and read texts of various genres (articles, news excerpts, stories, and poems). The fall semester focuses on a comprehensive review of Russian grammar (declension and conjugation). The course is taught primarily in Russian.

**Pre-requisites:** Russian II or permission of instructor.

**Enrollment Criteria:** Enrollment limited to 18 due to pedagogical reasons. Continuing students, concentrators in Russian and Eurasian studies, as well as pre-registered students receive priority enrollment.

### Fall Semester Goals

- To increase communicative confidence and to be able to talk in greater detail about several topics of personal and professional interest, such as: introducing yourself, your academic interests and your field of study; talking about your family, friends, and hobbies; describing people, characters, emotions; talking about daily life in Russia and in your home country; talking about different regions and travel; learning some basic vocabulary pertinent to science and research.
- To develop speaking and listening proficiency, learning to use longer statements and paragraph-length discourse in writing and in speaking. To practice expressing and supporting opinion using subordinate clauses and various conjunctions.
- To learn about Russian history, culture and geography through.
- To review the fundamentals of Russian grammar, including: declension system (declension of nouns, adjectives, pronouns and numerals 1-20; master prepositions and new contexts of case usage); verb system and conjugation of minor verb types; expand the use of position verbs; expanded contexts of motion verbs.

### Course Materials

- **Unit Packets**, including class materials and homework pages. Please get a binder or a folder to organize your materials. \$10 photocopying fee, or download and print the materials from the course website.
- **Grammar reference book:** *Schaum's Outlines: Russian Grammar, 2nd edition*. (James Levine). PDF of the book available online; hard copy available for purchase at the COOP.
- **Canvas course website** with readings, quizzes, grammar handouts links, and handouts – print out weekly syllabi, word lists and assignments.
- **Films:** “Москва слезам не верит,” “Ирония судьбы”- available online with subtitles.

### Course Requirements and Grading:

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| 1. Regular attendance, class participation and homework completion | (30 %) |
| 2. Vocabulary checks   | (20 %) |
| 3. Two tests   | (30 %) |
| 4. Mid-semester interview  | (10 %) |
| 5. End of the semester interview                                   | (10 %) |

NO FINAL EXAM



### Grading Criteria:

- 1.) **Attendance, participation, and homework completion** are essential for your success in the course.  
Attendance: Student attendance is essential for success in the course. More than four unexcused absences will result in lowering of grade for attendance.  
Participation: Your participation will depend on your knowledge of class vocabulary and main expressions, as well as completion of readings, and viewing the films assigned for homework. All of these are essential for productive class interaction.  
Homework: homework assignments will combine several formats, including online quizzes, written responses, preparing for class discussion by completing the readings, viewing films, or finding information online.
- 2.) **Vocabulary checks:** These short quizzes (10-15 words or expressions + 3 sentences to translate) are designed to help you keep track of your progress in the course, reviewing recently learned vocabulary and grammar constructions.
- 3.) **Tests (Oct. 27, Dec. 6):** two tests over the course of the semester to cover grammar, vocabulary, and cultural materials learned in the course.
- 4.) **Interviews:** Each student will sign up for a brief interview (10-15 minutes) in the middle of the semester and in the end of the semester. Mid-semester interview will include a short reading section, end of the semester interview will be conversation based. Interview questions will be based on class topics and activities, as well as on the films that we will watch during this semester. The interviews will be graded on the basis of comprehensions, accuracy in response, grammar, and vocabulary usage.

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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](mailto:elizwood@mit.edu))

**MISTI-EURASIA: Internships, GSL and GTL 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)

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