

Russian Language Training

National Research University – Higher School of Economics

Degree or qualification is awarded: **Certificate**

Language of study: **Russian**

Mode of study:

Duration: **2 months**

Availability of free education: **no**

Price:

Programme webpage at the university website: <https://www.hse.ru/en/rfl/study>

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HSE Moscow offers Russian language instruction throughout the year. If you're interested in improving your Russian (or starting from scratch), we're sure you'll find a programme that matches your level and goals.

Our Courses

Level 1 - ELEMENTARY

We start from learning Russian alphabet, learn about pronunciation and intonation in Russian. We only deal with present and past tense, and just touch other tenses a bit. We start getting to know Russian cases.

Level 2 - ELEMENTARY-HIGH

We learn all cases (in their most frequent usages and most common forms), progress in verb conjugation, and enrich vocabulary.

Level 3 - PRE-INTERMEDIATE

We review the case system, add information about plural forms, about different exceptions, practice adjectives in all cases and numbers. Review verb conjugation forms, learn about different forms of pronouns.

Level 4 - INTERMEDIATE-LOW

We speak about verbal aspect and verbs of motion. We learn about different types of future tense. We add up to our knowledge of cases for nouns and pronouns with some special usages, we learn how to speak not about ourselves, but also about the world around us.

Level 5 - INTERMEDIATE-HIGH

We go deep into verbal aspect, practice verbs of motion with different prefixes; learn about conditionals, and about complex sentences. We learn how to speak in Russian about news, society, politics, environmental issues, generation gaps, etc.

Level 6 - ADVANCED (elective)

Tricky Russian Grammar (online only)

You think your Russian is fluent enough, but there are still some challenging grammar topics you cannot acquire, despite plenty of exercises and tests you have completed. If you feel like this, my class is for you! We are going to tackle Russian grammatical challenges through extensive practice, including games, discussions, and essays.

Russian Communication Style

In this course, we study different styles of the Russian language, practice them in dialogues and writing exercises, as well as listen to podcasts and record our own. You should be ready to work in groups, in pairs, and record your own podcasts in Russian. We also discuss the cultural background and read some classic Russian literature. This course does not focus on grammar but still covers a few grammar topics according to the group's needs.

Russian Language in Law, Politics, and Society

This advanced course targets those students who are eager to learn more about Russia's public system, society, politics, and legal instruments by learning about and discussing the most intriguing and high-profile cases, events, personalities in that sphere. The classes include frequent discussions, interaction and role-play, intensive reading on the subject, students' research followed by presentations.

Communicative Grammar

This course will be interesting for those who want to get a grip on the Advanced Russian grammar of the B2-C1 levels with a focus on reading and discussion. The course covers the general topics related to lifetime experience, such as job hunting, stress, and mental health, family and relations, technology, and the future, modern art. We will work on complicated grammatical constructions (comparison, cause, and effect, etc.), as well as with prefixed verbs (for example, how does "зарабатывать" differ from "подрабатывать", "сработать", etc.). Please be ready for discussions in class and self-studying at home.

Specializations within this programme