

RUSS 4001 Advanced Conversation and Composition

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This course is designed primarily for Russian majors and heritage speakers of Russian who wish to develop their oral and written proficiency at the advanced level.

Requirements: Each week students write an essay on an assigned topic related to everyday life, education, future plans, etc. These essays will serve as the basis for individual work on stylistics and the effective expression of one's ideas in Russian through multiple revisions of the original draft. Classroom activities include conversation based on these essays/topics, intensive work on vocabulary building and Russian idioms and phraseology, as well as English-Russian translation. Students also present the final versions of their essays orally in class. The final exam consists of two portions, oral and written. In the oral portion students conduct a one-on-one conversation based on the themes of the course with the instructor. The written portion consists of an essay on a topic of the student's choice, using vocabulary and idioms studied over the course of the semester.

Grading: Students will be graded on class participation, oral and written work, and the final exam. Individual progress over the course of the semester will be a primary factor in determining the final grade.