

COURSE OUTLINE

RUSSIAN

This course aims to develop the student's knowledge of the Russian language and culture., Reading and writing in a different script will be developed through a variety of different exercises. Although there are plenty of challenges not only in terms of the alphabet and complex grammar, but the new vocabulary as well, students find that regular exposure several times weekly allows them to make steady progress. Considerable attention will be paid to the extension of vocabulary and grammar, but the text book we follow also includes an appreciation of Russian culture. The latter is represented by the inclusion of *realia* such as advertisements, metro maps, leaflets etc. This course is often popular among those students who are interested in the Russian revolution and the collapse of the Soviet empire.

Main features of the course

- Grammar: verbs endings the present and the past. Noun genders and case endings.
- Vocabulary: extending vocabulary by reading texts.
- Link up words: developing word links to enable a more fluid and structured approach to this subject.
- Reading aloud to encourage good pronunciation and oral/aural skills.

Preparation for the Course

- A Colloquial Russian course by Svetlana le Fleming (2009 edition or later)
- Revise known vocabulary & Get a dictionary
- Start researching topics which interest you
- View Russian films & Listen to Russian music
- Buy Russian newspapers and magazines
- Eat Russian food and try to find Russians to speak with

If you are unable to obtain books locally, they may be ordered from:

www.bookshop.blackwell.co.uk or www.amazon.co.uk or other websites