



UNIVERSITY OF
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Faculty of Arts
School of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures and Cultures

RUSS 463.07
History of Russian
Winter 2022
MWF 13:00-13:50
Via Zoom

COURSE OUTLINE

INSTRUCTOR'S NAME: Dr. Elena Bratishenko

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DESCRIPTION

This course covers the development of the Russian language beginning with its earliest documented stage (Old East Slavic, 11th -14th c.) and ending at the dawn of the modern Russian period (17th c.). After a brief overview of the prehistoric period ending with the break-up of Common Slavic linguistic unity and roughly coinciding with the adoption of Christianity (988 A.D.), students will study the morphological and phonological developments that set East Slavic branch aside from other dialects of Slavic. Reading and linguistic analysis of original texts is an integral part of this course. Particular attention will be paid to the role of Old Church Slavonic as the literary language of the time and its differences from the spoken language.

OBJECTIVES

- to learn the Old Russian writing system, and read, in the original, excerpts from medieval texts, ecclesiastical and civil
- to get an introduction to the basic terminology and principles of historical linguistics, such as comparative and internal reconstruction
- to learn the major sound changes in their chronological succession
- to acquire the understanding of the influence of Church Slavonic on Russian
- to gain the knowledge of the systematic character of various alternations in modern Russian in light of the sound changes that triggered them

OUTCOMES

By the end of the course students will have acquired an in-depth understanding of the differences in the structure and usage of Old East Slavic (the predecessor of Russian, Ukrainian and Belarusian languages), Middle Russian, and modern Russian, which will shed light on the apparent irregularities of today's language. They will also acquire the basics of linguistic analysis and the theory of language change. All this will lay a solid foundation for their future studies of Russian or other Slavic languages, literature, or linguistics.

REQUIRED COURSE MATERIALS

Nesset, Tore. 2015. *How Russian came to be the way it is: A student's guide to the history of the Russian language*. Bloomington, Indiana: Slavica Publishers.

RECOMMENDED COURSE MATERIALS

Borkovskii, V. I. and P. S. Kuznetsov. 1963. *Istoricheskaia grammatika russkogo iazyka*. Moscow. **or any subsequent edition** [PG2075 .B64 1963]
Gribble, Charles E. 1973. *Medieval Slavic texts*. Cambridge, Bloomington, Indiana: Slavica Publishers [PG3223 .G73 1973 V.1]
Sreznevskii, I. I. 1893/1955-1956. *Materialy dl'a slovar'a drevne-russkago iazyka po pis'mennym*



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pam'atnikam. 3 vols. Reprint ed. Graz: Akademische Druck- und Verlagsanstalt. [PG2743 .S72 1893]

Vlasto, A. P. 1986. *A Linguistic history of Russian to the end of the eighteenth century*. Oxford: Clarendon Press. [PG2101 .V55 1986]

COURSE NOTES

Students need to have reliable access to technology, as follows:

- A computer with a supported operating system, as well as the latest security, and malware updates;
- A current and updated web browser;
- Webcam/Camera (built-in or external);
- Microphone and speaker (built-in or external), or headset with microphone;
- Current antivirus and/or firewall software enabled;
- Stable internet connection

Classes will not be recorded.

Since a lot of the class time is intended as discussion and text analysis, attendance and preparation are crucial for absorbing the material and getting the necessary practice in linguistic analysis. Active contribution to class discussions is strongly encouraged.

Written assignments should be scanned and uploaded to the Dropbox on D2L. **Work submitted for grading should be done solely by the student. Using online translators or other translation apps, consulting another person, or copying work produced by someone else is not permitted and constitutes academic dishonesty.**

The tests will take place on February 18 and April 1. You will be given 24 hours beginning at the regular class time to complete the test. The test will be made available on D2L; once it is completed, you should scan and submit it to the designated Dropbox. **No aids are allowed.**

Missed tests/assignments will result in the grade of 0. Please contact the instructor in advance if you cannot submit the work on time; legitimate requests will be accommodated if possible.

Each student will be assigned a scientific article on the topic related to the course to present to the class. The presentations will take place during the last two weeks of the term.

There will be no final examination.

Please refer to D2L for all the on-going information related to homework (readings and assignments to submit), including the due dates, as well as for the guidelines for the article presentation. No e-mail inquiries regarding information available on D2L will be answered.

ASSESSMENT

Midterm tests (2)	40%
Assignments	30%
Class participation	15%
Article presentation	15%

GRADING SCALE

A 92-100	B 72-77	C 62-65	D 50-53
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A- 85-91	B- 70-73	C- 58-61	F 0-49
B+ 78-84	C+ 66-69	D+ 54-57	

INTEGRITY AND CONDUCT

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Additional information is available on the Academic Integrity Website at <https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/learning/academic-integrity>

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY (FOIP) ACT

Graded assignments will be retained by the Department for three months and subsequently sent for confidential shredding. Final examinations will be kept for one calendar year and subsequently sent for confidential shredding. Said material is exclusively available to the student and to the department staff requiring to examine it. Please see <https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/access-information-privacy> for complete information on the disclosure of personal records.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations according to the University policies and procedures listed below. The student accommodation policy can be found at: <https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/access/prospective-students/academic-accommodations> .

Students needing an Accommodation because of a Disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities (<https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/university-policies-procedures/student-accommodation-policy>)

Students needing an Accommodation in relation to their coursework or to fulfil requirements for a graduate degree, based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to their Instructor or the Department Head/Dean or to the designated contact person in their Faculty.

FACULTY OF ARTS PROGRAM ADVISING AND STUDENT INFORMATION RESOURCES

Have a question, but not sure where to start?



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The Arts Students' Centre is the overall headquarters for undergraduate programs in the Faculty of Arts. The key objective of this office is to connect students with whatever academic assistance they may require.

In addition to housing the Associate Dean (Undergraduate Programs and Student Affairs) and the Associate Dean (Teaching, Learning & Student Engagement), the Arts Students' Centre is the specific home to:

- Program advising
- Co-op Education Program
- Arts and Science Honours Academy
- Student Help Desk

Location: Social Sciences Room 102

Phone: 403-220-3580

Email: ascarts@ucalgary.ca

Website: <https://arts.ucalgary.ca/current-students/undergraduate>

For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at 403-210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Block.

Contacts for the Students' Union Representative for the Faculty of Arts: arts1@su.ucalgary.ca, arts2@su.ucalgary.ca, arts3@su.ucalgary.ca, arts4@su.ucalgary.ca.

INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

Devices such as laptops, palmtops and smartbooks are allowed provided that they are used exclusively for instructional purposes and do not cause disruption to the instructor and to fellow students. Cellular telephones, blackberries and other mobile communication tools are not permitted and must be switched off.

SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

Links to information that is not course-specific related to student wellness and safety resources can be found on the Office of the Registrar's website: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines> .