



# *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## *Syllabus*

### *Russian Conversation for Beginners - 26111*

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*HU Credits: 2*

*Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)*

*Responsible Department: Russian and Slavic Studies*

*Academic year: 0*

*Semester: 2nd Semester*

*Teaching Languages: Russian*

*Campus: Mt. Scopus*

*Course/Module Coordinator: Dr. Elina Reznik*

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*Teaching Staff:*

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Dr. Elina Reznik

Course/Module description:

*This course is designed for students who speak Russian at the primary level and are interested in expanding vocabulary (including the most common expressions used in spoken Russian). The students will learn how to express their opinions and conduct a discussion on various topics in fields of history and culture, politics and economics.*

*The course is based on the study of Russian journalism - including the modern press and Internet sources.*

Course/Module aims:

*To provide the necessary tools and skills to hold conversation on various topics; to expand the vocabulary with an emphasis on learning common phrases of spoken language; to provide writing skills.*

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

*Knowledge and speech skills:*

*1. Q & A:*

*- question - hypothesis; The ability to examine the correctness of a self-hypothesis; Different methods for an answer to a given question.*

*2. Message and response to the message. Communicating with the interlocutor and developing the conversation.*

*3. Assessment of the situation and the transfer of information in relation to its significance, credibility and objectivity. An indication of the unusualness of the fact, an indication of the evidence of the fact, an expression of certainty of the fact.*

*4. Action and response to incentives: different forms of incentive and response.*

Attendance requirements(%):

*100%*

*Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: tutorial*

Course/Module Content:

*Four topics – 12 lessons*

*Topic 1. Dialogues about culture*

*1) Human mindset and his individuality*

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- 2) *The influence of national culture on man*
  - 3) *The ability of a man to influence national culture*
  - 4) *How are we similar and different: Israelis and Russians.*

*Topic 2. Economy with a character*

- 1) *Economy and culture, their interaction.*

*Topic 3. Political Dialog*

- 1) *The modern political situation as we see it.*
- 2) *The perspective through retrospective – our assumptions*
- 3) *Political dialog of Russia and Israel yesterday and today*

*Topic 4. Religion and people's space*

- 1) *Russia pagan and orthodox: beliefs, customs.*
- 2) *The idea of the Jewish world in Russia.*
- 3) *Identification of "other" and self-identification.*

*Required Reading:*

*N/A*

*Additional Reading Material:*

*N/A*

*Grading Scheme:*

*Presentation / Poster Presentation / Lecture/ Seminar / Pro-seminar / Research proposal 40 %*

*Active Participation / Team Assignment 40 %*

*Submission assignments during the semester: Exercises / Essays / Audits / Reports / Forum / Simulation / others 10 %*

*Attendance / Participation in Field Excursion 10 %*

*Additional information:*

*pre requirement: basic knowledge in Russian language*