

Study course title	<i>Normative grammar II (Russian as the second language)</i>
Study course code	Valo1256
Credits	2
European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System Credits	3
Total Number of Contact Hours	32
Number of Lecture Hours	16
Number of hours for seminars	16

Course developer

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Prerequisite knowledge

Valo1254, Normative grammar I (Russian as the second language)

Study course abstract

The study course includes the description and the analysis of the Russian language sound system. The aim of the study course is to acquaint the students with the acoustic and articulation characteristics of the Russian language sounds and their functioning, to study the regularities in the modern Russian phonetics, as well as to improve the students' skills in orthoepy of the Russian language.

Course plan

The course structure: lectures – 16 acad. hours, seminars – 16 acad. hours.

Lecture topics:

1. Phonetic units. Research aspects of sound. Structure of speech apparatus. Articulatory and acoustic characteristics of sounds of the Russian language.
2. Consonants. Principles of consonant classification. Consonant classification according to the active speech organ, according to the kind of articulation, the quantity of tone and noise, the presence of additional articulation – palatalization (hard and soft consonants).
3. Vowels. Principles of vowel classification. Vowel classification according to the tongue movements (horizontal and vertical direction) and lip operation (labial and non-labial vowels).
4. Russian phonetic regularities. Positional changes and non-positional turn.
5. Vowel change. Reduction, strong and weak reduction. Accommodation, its types. Basic models of Russian vowel changes.
6. Positional change of Russian consonants. Assimilation and its types.
7. Dissimilation. Consonant loss. The positional loss of final voiced consonants preceding pauses. Basic types of consonants. Vowel and consonant parallel changes in the Russian language. Consonance sound design characteristics.
8. Segmental and supersegmental units. Principles of their division. Classification of supersegmental units: syllable, stress, intonation u. c.

Seminar topics:

1. Vowels and consonants, their articulation differences. Transcription.
2. Classification of consonants.
3. Classification of vowels.

4. Positional changes of vowels in fluent speech, their formation mechanisms. A-speech, i-speech.
5. Consonant positional changes in fluent speech, their formation mechanisms, the main types.
6. Russian stress.
7. Syllable types. Intonation, its types.
8. Russian orthoepy.

Students' independent work:

- work with literature and periodicals: theoretical etc. indicated literature and periodicals, research and analysis;
- preparation for colloquia, seminars, practical classes, The examination; •specific practical tasks (text transcription).

Learning outcomes

Having acquired the study course, students:

- understand the phonetic regularities in the modern Russian language;
- are able to carry out transcription;
- know how to make a phonetic text analysis; •know how to evaluate and correct their own pronunciation.

Requirements for awarding credits

Independent work 20%,
2 tests 40%, examination 40%.

Course content

Russian sound structure. Articulatory and acoustic characteristics of sounds of the Russian language. Regularities in the Russian phonetics. Russian orthoepy.

Compulsory Reading List

1. Битехтина Н.Б., Климова В.Н. Русский язык как иностранный: фонетика. Москва: Русский язык, 2011.
2. Варламова И.Ю. Вводно-фонетический курс русского языка для студентов-иностранцев. Москва: Изд-во РУДН, 2001.
3. http://www.multikulti.ru/Russian/info/Russian_info_331.html
4. Бархударова Е.Л., Панков Ф.И. По-русски — с хорошим произношением: практический курс звучащей речи: Учебное пособие для иностранных учащихся гуманитарных специальностей. Москва: Русский язык, 2015.
5. Рябова О.В. Живая фонетика. Аудиопособие по русской интонации для иностранных учащихся. Москва: МИРС, 2009.

Further Reading List

1. <http://www.learningrussian.com>
2. Русская фонетика. <http://www.philol.msu.ru/~fonetica/index1.htm>

Periodicals and Other Sources

Журналы "Русский язык за рубежом", "Филологические науки", "Русская речь".
www.gramota.ru, www.philology.ru, www.ruslang.ru

Notes

The study course is delivered and acquired in the Russian language. Bachelor study programme "Philology (English, Latvian Philology)", Part B.