Prerequisite: Some awareness of linguistic analysis and concepts. Previous study of Russian not required.

A linguistic introduction to the phonological and grammatical structure of Modern Russian.
An examination of similarities between descriptive (synchronic) and historical (diachronic) rules in the grammar of Russian.
A treatment of incidental syntactic, semantic, and dialectological questions.

Principal topic areas:
- Russian phonology (graphemics, phonetics, phonemics)
- The morphology of Russian (isomorphism and morphophonemics; declension, conjugation, verbal aspect)
- The accentual system of Russian and systematic accounts of accentual variation in paradigms
- Unexceptional exceptions in Russian grammar
- Teaching Russian from a knowledge of the linguistic structure

Principal activities: A ‘crash-course’ in Modern Russian. Course examination, no mid-term, frequent quizzes. Participation, small assignments and daily recitations important.

For students concentrating in Linguistics (major, minor or informal concentration) this course may apply toward the Philology requirement.
The course applies toward graduate, major, and minor programs in Russian, Slavic Studies, and Russian & East European Studies. This course provides a seminar/workshop-type coverage of linguistic concepts and techniques, focusing on a single language in order to permit a consistent and interconnected view of the nature of linguistic structure.

Offered biennially.

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using the BC userName as the Vista userName and the BC passWord (as for Agora etc) as the Vista passWord.
Also usually accessible through Agora and through the BC portal.
Cubberley, Paul.:
Russian: A linguistic introduction.
(Cambridge UP) Cambridge UK, 2002
ISBN: 0 521 79641 5

Lunt, Horace G.:
out of print

Chaput, Patricia.:
Workbook to accompany Horace G. Lunt's Introduction to Russian.
(Dept of Slavic Languages and Literatures, Harvard University) Cambridge MA, 1984
out of print

You will print out Lunt & Chaput (as our raw learning material) from the Blackboard Vista course site (cms.bc.edu), in the Textbooks (Учебники) folder. Through this secure course site we can also access a course calendar with assignments, a discussion group, and various handouts and exercises as they appear.

The Seminar library in the Department of Slavic & Eastern Languages (Lyons 210A) houses a useful non-circulating reference collection for linguistics. The card catalogue is being prepared for on-line distribution.

Grading:

A = excellent, B = good,
C = satisfactory, D = unsatisfactory but passing
F = failure

content quizzes (aprx 10) = 20%
in-class recitations and presentations = 40%
written assignments and short reports = 10%
course examination = 20%
mid-term examination = 10%
no term paper

In addition to following lectures, preparing exercise materials for recitations and doing assigned readings, you will also present discovery 'gems' in class (absolute maximum of three minutes each) almost twice weekly throughout the semester and will submit six (6) short expository papers which expand on 'gem' topics already presented.

Note: for all exercises F = 55% but absence = 0%

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