

## **RUSS S-B. Intermediate Russian I (CRN: 30223)**

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Intensive oral work will be used to increase vocabulary and grammatical accuracy in the development of speaking proficiency. General vocabulary development will be followed by thematically organized topics, including greetings and introductions, self and family, education, work, and human relationships. Special work on the etiquette of common social situations, including telephone communication, letter writing, and general conversational strategies. There will be a review and expansion of difficult topics in Russian grammar, including verb conjugation, aspect, verbs of motion, time expressions, and some work on participles and gerunds. Vocabulary and reading proficiency will be developed through classical and contemporary works by such authors as Pushkin, Lermontov, Zamiatin, and Rasputin. The pace of this course is extremely rapid and requires a total time commitment (including class time) of 6 to 8 hours per day.