



Complete Beginners' Russian Intensive Course

This intensive 30-hour course is designed for absolute beginners with no prior knowledge of Russian. It introduces the Russian alphabet, focusing on sound–letter correspondence, pronunciation, and the development of basic reading skills. Elements of Russian culture are integrated throughout, providing learners with insights into everyday life, traditions, social norms, and contemporary cultural practices.

Key grammar areas

- Gender and number of nouns
- Basic adjective agreement
- Personal and possessive pronouns
- The present and past tenses of common verbs
- Introduction to cases
- Simple question formation
- Numbers 0–100

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, students will be able to read and write simple texts in Cyrillic, introduce themselves and others, ask and answer basic questions, describe their family and profession, order food, and handle simple everyday situations.

The course combines interactive speaking practice, listening activities, guided grammar explanation, and short communicative tasks to ensure progress in a supportive learning environment. Over the duration of the course, students will acquire an active vocabulary of approximately 450 words.

Course Duration

The course will run from 3 June to 25 June 2026.

All learning materials will be provided by the School of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies.

Further Information

- [School of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies: Short Courses webpage](#)
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