Northern Marianas College
CURRICULUM ACTION REQUEST

Effective Semester / Session: Spring 2017

Type of Action:
- New [X]
- Modification 
- Move to Inactive (Stop Out) 
- Cancellation 

Course Alpha and Number: RU 101

Course Title: Elementary Russian I

Reason for initiating, revising, or canceling:
This course is being created as part of an effort to diversity the language offerings of NMC. Russian was selected due to the proximity of the CNMI to Russia. Additionally, the CNMI has a visa waiver program that encourages Russian tourism. For that reason, a Russian course would supplement other programs at the college including the hospitality concentration in the Business Program.

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1. **Department**  
Languages and Humanities

2. **Purpose**  
This introductory course is aimed to present Russian Language at elementary level. The focus of it is upon practical skills that could be applied within limited set of everyday life situations. The course includes classroom training in listening, speaking, reading and writing. Students will also learn the Cyrillic alphabet. By the end of the course students are also expected to be able to speak about some Russian cultural items.

3. **Description**

   **A. Required/Recommended Textbook(s) and Related Materials**

   **Required:**

   **Recommended:**
   "Nachalo": when in Russia. Sophia Lubensky; Vladimir Savransky; Melissa S Gordon; Martin Bohunicky; Jennifer Bown; [Boston]: McGraw-Hill, 2002.

   **B. Contact Hours**
   1. **Lecture:** 4 hours per week / 60 hours per semester
   2. **Lab:** None
   3. **Other:** None

   **C. Credits**
   1. **Number:** 4
   2. **Type:** Regular degree credits

   **D. Catalogue Course Description**
   This course is for students who want to learn basic Russian. Students will learn practical skills that could be applied within a basic set of
Everyday life situations. The course will develop listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. (Offered Fall and Spring)

E. Degree or Certificate Requirements Met by Course
Fulfills language credit requirements for all degrees.

F. Course Activities and Design
Students will practice reading small texts, listening to fragments of announcements, adds, etc., writing short personal letters, notes, e-mail messages, and speaking about their families, studies, work, hobbies, art and culture. Students will also receive some instructions in basic grammar constructions. Class sessions will involve collaboration, team or individual work, and elements of discussion.

4. Course Prerequisite(s); Concurrent Course Enrollment; Required English/Mathematics Placement Level(s)
   English Placement Level: EN095

5. Estimated Cost of Course; Instructional Resources Needed
   Cost to the Student:
   Tuition for a 4-credit course, textbook, dictionary, notebook for journal, and required fees.

   Cost to the College:
   Salary of instructor for 4 credits

   Instructional resources needed for this course include whiteboard and whiteboard markers, TV, DVD player, overhead projector, access to digital projector, transparencies, screen, and photocopying.

6. Method of Evaluation
   Student grades will be based on the regular letter grade system as described below:

   A: Excellent – grade points: 4.0;
   B: Above average – grade points: 3.0;
   C: Average – grade points: 2.0;
   D: Below average – grade points: 1.0;
   F: Failure – grade points: 0.0.

   NMC's grading and attendance policies will be followed.
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7. Course Outline
This is a topical outline and does not necessarily indicate the sequence in which the material will be presented.

1.0 Cyrillic alphabet
2.0 Basic parts of speech
   1.2 Verbs
   2.2 Adverbs
   3.2 Adjectives
   4.2 Nouns
   5.2 Pronouns
3.0 Common vocabulary sets
4.0 Verb Tense & Aspect
   1.4 Present
   2.4 Past
   3.4 Future
   4.4 Perfect & Imperfect
5.0 Numerals
6.0 Basic questions
7.0 Positive and negative statements
8.0 Basic geography of Russia

8. Instructional Goals
This course will introduce students to:

1.0 The Cyrillic alphabet;
2.0 Parts of speech in the Russian language;
3.0 Commonly used vocabulary sets including numbers;
4.0 Verb tenses needed for basic communication in Russian;
5.0 Question forms in Russian;
6.0 The formation of positive and negative statements in Russian;
7.0 Basic geography of Russia focusing on major cities.

9. Student Learning Outcomes
Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1.0 Use basic spoken greetings and formalities;
2.0 Provide definitions for common vocabulary sets;
3.0 Use simple questions with common vocabulary sets;
4.0 Respond to simple questions with common vocabulary sets;
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5.0 Select appropriate etiquette for formal and informal speech
6.0 Use basic grammar structures including parts of speech;
7.0 Recognize basic Russian expressions spoken at a normal rate of speech;
8.0 Generate short written pieces using the Cyrillic alphabet.
9.0 Generate translations of simple written pieces.

10. Assessment Measures
Assessment of student learning may include, but not be limited to, the following:

1.0 Class participation and in-class assignments;
2.0 Quizzes and tests;
3.0 In-class presentations;
4.0 Final exam or evaluation.