RUSSIAN FOR LAWYERS I  
AND FUNDAMENTALS OF RUSSIAN LEGAL TRADITION

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Course Description:  
This unique course is designed to expand your opportunities in the international legal field and the ability to succeed in a complex interrelated world. Bilingual professor teaches the fundamentals of the Russian language with a profound emphasis on legal and economic topics. The students will learn the main concepts of the legal system as well as business entities of the Russian Federation.  
Certain legal topics will be introduced by Russian speaking attorneys and postgraduate exchange student from Moscow State University, Russia.  
Aspiring future lawyers will get a unique set of skills in order to work with Russian speaking clients in the United States and in Russia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan.

No previous knowledge of Russian is required.  
Russian for Lawyers One is the prerequisite for Russian for Lawyers Two.  
Three semester hours.

Course Requirements and Determination of Final Grade:  
1. Attendance and participation: 10% of grade. Students are expected to attend each class on time, be prepared, and participate in class activities with a spirit of total enthusiasm and cooperation. Students should demonstrate an effort to offer constructive ideas, contribute examples, and raise thoughtful questions relevant to classroom topic.
2. Reading and written assignments: 40% of grade. Students are expected to complete designated readings and submit written assignments (due on the following class meeting).
3. Final take-home written exam, due on the final class meeting: 25% of grade
4. Final class oral exam: 25%  
5. Students are expected to listen to the CDs accompanying each topic.

Legal Topics (introduced along with relevant vocabulary):  
1. Russia – Ukraine: the legalities of ongoing territorial dispute  
2. Legal Education in Russia: Common Law vs. Civil Law  
3. DU College of Law Library: Overview of Materials on Legal System of Russia  
4. Business Organization in Russian federation: Types of Corporate bodies  
5. Starting Business in Russia: Tips for a Foreign Investor  
6. Court System of the Russian Federation