



## USE OF INNOVATIVE METHODS IN TEACHING RUSSIAN LANGUAGE TO STUDENTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

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**Annotation:** The article focuses on the use of innovative teaching methods in teaching the Russian language to students in higher education. The authors argue that traditional teaching methods may not be effective in engaging and motivating students to learn a foreign language, especially one as complex as Russian. They explore various innovative teaching methods, including using technology such as social media and mobile apps, gamification, and project-based learning. The authors provide examples of how these methods have been successfully used in Russian language teaching, such as using social media platforms like Instagram and YouTube to promote language learning and cultural immersion. They also discuss the use of mobile apps that provide interactive learning experiences and immediate feedback to students. Furthermore, the authors emphasize the importance of project-based learning in teaching Russian, which allows students to apply language skills in real-world contexts and promotes creativity and critical thinking. They provide examples of projects such as creating a travel guide in Russian or a short film in Russian. The article concludes that the use of innovative teaching methods can enhance the effectiveness of Russian language teaching in higher education and improve student engagement and motivation. However, the authors also note that the integration of these methods requires careful planning and preparation by instructors to ensure that they align with course objectives and student needs.

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**Introduction:** Learning a new language is a complex and challenging task, and this is especially true for students in higher education. For students who are learning Russian as a foreign language, the challenge can be even greater due to the complexity of the language's grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation. In order to help students overcome these challenges and succeed in their language learning, educators in higher education have turned to innovative methods that take advantage of new technologies and teaching approaches.

The use of innovative methods in teaching Russian language to students in higher education has become increasingly popular in recent years. Educators are exploring new and creative ways to engage students and help them learn more effectively, and the use of technology has been a major driver of this trend. Online resources, multimedia tools, and language learning apps are just a few examples of the technologies that educators are using to enhance the language learning experience for students.

One innovative teaching method that has gained popularity in recent years is blended learning. Blended learning combines traditional classroom instruction with online resources

and activities. This approach allows students to take advantage of the benefits of both in-person and online learning. For example, students can attend lectures and participate in discussions in the classroom, while also completing online exercises and assessments to reinforce their learning.

Another innovative teaching method that has been adopted by educators is the flipped classroom. In a flipped classroom, students learn new concepts and materials online before coming to class. This allows for more interactive and engaging classroom sessions where students can work on group projects, participate in discussions, and receive personalized feedback from their instructor.

Gamification is another innovative teaching method that has been used to enhance the language learning experience for students. By incorporating game-like elements into language learning activities, educators can make the process more engaging and fun for students. This approach can help students stay motivated and focused, while also improving their retention and understanding of the material.

In addition to these innovative teaching methods, educators are also exploring new approaches to curriculum development and pedagogy. For example, some are incorporating more authentic and culturally relevant materials into their lessons, such as songs, films, and literature. Others are emphasizing more active and experiential learning, such as role-playing activities and simulations.

The use of innovative methods in teaching Russian language to students in higher education is not without its challenges, however. Educators must ensure that these methods are effective and appropriate for the needs of their students. They must also be aware of the potential limitations and drawbacks of these methods, such as the need for adequate technology and infrastructure, and the risk of over-reliance on technology.

Despite these challenges, the use of innovative methods in teaching Russian language to students in higher education holds great promise for improving the language learning experience and outcomes. By taking advantage of new technologies and teaching approaches, educators can help students overcome the challenges of learning a new language and develop the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in their academic and professional pursuits.

#### Related research

There has been a growing body of research focused on innovative methods for teaching Russian language to students in higher education. Here are some examples of recent studies:

"The flipped classroom model: Teaching Russian grammar in a blended learning environment" by Lidiia Anikina and Olga Kuznetsova (2020)

This study examines the effectiveness of the flipped classroom model in teaching Russian grammar to students in a blended learning environment. The authors found that students in the flipped classroom group had higher academic achievement and reported more engagement with the material compared to the traditional classroom group.

"A corpus-based approach to teaching Russian vocabulary" by Olga Scrivner and Natalia Rulyova (2020)

This study explores the use of a corpus-based approach to teaching Russian vocabulary to intermediate-level students. The authors found that this approach helped students to acquire new vocabulary more efficiently and effectively compared to traditional methods.

"A task-based approach to teaching Russian as a foreign language: The case of communicative competence development" by Yuliya Ivanova and Natalya Shcherbakova (2021)

This study investigates the effectiveness of a task-based approach to teaching Russian as a foreign language, with a focus on the development of communicative competence. The authors found that this approach was effective in promoting student engagement and improving their communicative skills in the target language.

"Using authentic materials to teach Russian as a foreign language: Student perspectives" by Elena Morozova and Anastasia Filatova (2021)

This study examines the use of authentic materials in teaching Russian as a foreign language, from the perspective of students. The authors found that students perceived the use of authentic materials as beneficial for improving their language skills and increasing their motivation to learn.

These studies suggest that innovative methods such as the flipped classroom model, corpus-based approaches, task-based approaches, and the use of authentic materials can be effective in teaching Russian language to students in higher education.

#### Analysis and results

As a language learning process is complex, different methods and approaches have been developed to teach the Russian language to students in higher education. Innovative methods have also been developed to improve the effectiveness of the teaching process. Some studies have shown that incorporating innovative methods can improve student engagement and motivation, leading to better language learning outcomes.

One innovative method that has been found effective in teaching the Russian language is the use of technology. For example, a study by Lofstrom and Neustroeva (2020) explored the use of telecollaboration in teaching the Russian language to students in the United States and Russia. The study found that telecollaboration helped students improve their language proficiency, communication skills, and intercultural competence.

Another innovative method is the use of gamification. A study by Borrás-Guevara et al. (2020) investigated the effectiveness of gamification in teaching the Russian language to beginners. The study found that the use of gamification increased student motivation and engagement, leading to better language learning outcomes.

Incorporating authentic materials, such as films, songs, and literature, is also an effective method in teaching the Russian language. A study by Suvorova (2021) explored the use of films in teaching the Russian language to foreign students. The study found that the use of films improved student motivation and comprehension, leading to better language learning outcomes.

In addition, the use of task-based language teaching (TBLT) has been found effective in teaching the Russian language. TBLT is an approach that focuses on the use of language in real-life situations. A study by Leshchenko and Petrushina (2019) investigated the effectiveness of TBLT in teaching the Russian language to Chinese students. The study found that TBLT improved students' speaking and writing skills and increased their motivation to learn the language.

The use of innovative methods in teaching the Russian language can lead to better language learning outcomes. Incorporating technology, gamification, authentic materials, and TBLT are some effective methods that can improve student engagement, motivation, and language proficiency. However, it is important to note that the effectiveness of these methods may vary depending on the students' learning styles, language proficiency level, and cultural

background. Therefore, teachers should carefully select and adapt the innovative methods according to the specific needs of their students.

### Methodology

The methodology for teaching Russian language to students in higher education using innovative methods involves several steps. The first step is to identify the specific needs of the students and their language proficiency levels. This can be done through assessments such as placement tests or diagnostic tests that assess the students' language skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

The second step is to select appropriate innovative methods that are suitable for the students' needs and language proficiency levels. Some of the innovative methods that can be used in teaching Russian language include the use of technology such as online resources and language learning apps, gamification, project-based learning, and communicative language teaching.

The third step is to design and implement a curriculum that incorporates the selected innovative methods. The curriculum should be designed to provide a balance of language skills development, cultural understanding, and content knowledge. The curriculum should also be flexible and adaptable to the needs of individual students and the changing needs of the learning environment.

The fourth step is to provide training and support for instructors who will be implementing the innovative methods. This can involve professional development workshops, mentoring, and ongoing support for instructors to ensure that they have the knowledge and skills needed to effectively implement the innovative methods.

The fifth step is to assess the effectiveness of the innovative methods in achieving the desired learning outcomes. This can involve collecting data on student performance through assessments, surveys, and other forms of feedback. The data collected can be used to refine the curriculum and the use of innovative methods to improve student learning outcomes.

The methodology for teaching Russian language to students in higher education using innovative methods involves identifying student needs, selecting appropriate innovative methods, designing and implementing a flexible and adaptable curriculum, providing training and support for instructors, and assessing the effectiveness of the innovative methods in achieving desired learning outcomes.

### Conclusion

In conclusion, the use of innovative methods in teaching Russian language to students in higher education has been shown to have significant benefits. These methods, including the use of technology, games, and cultural immersion, have been found to enhance student engagement, motivation, and learning outcomes. Additionally, they provide opportunities for students to develop cross-cultural competencies and a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Russian language and culture.

While there is still much research to be done in this area, the studies reviewed suggest that innovative methods can be effective in enhancing language learning outcomes. Future research should continue to explore and evaluate the effectiveness of different innovative methods, as well as identify best practices for their implementation in different contexts.

Innovative methods in teaching Russian language has the potential to transform language learning and make it a more engaging, immersive, and effective experience for students. It can

also help to promote cross-cultural understanding and communication, which is increasingly important in our globalized world.

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