CU-Study Abroad Summer 2014 Program in St. Petersburg

Russian Language – 6 credits

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TOPICAL OUTLINE

This study abroad program is devoted to the intensive study of Russian Language at St. Petersburg State University, Russia, coordinated by CIEE. Language classes, comprised of five to twelve students, are held four to five hours daily. The program includes classes in phonetics, conversation, grammar, and emphasizes the development of oral skills. Students are assigned to language classes according to their level of proficiency.

Phonetics

This course presents a systematic exploration and analysis of the Russian sound system (with its phonetic transcription), including separate phonemes, sound combinations, and modification in normal speech, as well as intonation patterns. Special attention is given to correcting individual pronunciation errors. Intonation tapes and language lab facilities are utilized as needed.

Conversation

The course is designed to increase active vocabulary, further the student's control of idiomatic Russian, and develop all the basic skills of oral expression. The major focus of the course is directed on conversation organized thematically. Attention is also given to speech situations of special practical use to Americans in Russia.
Grammar

The purpose of this course is to activate student's knowledge of modern Russian. This is accomplished through oral and written drilling in class, and written compositions and exercises outside of class. Topics of the study include: the simple sentence, verbs of existence, verbs of motion, verbs of transitive action, the compound and simple predicate, the imperative, reflexive verbs, participles, the "simple compound" sentences, and impersonal sentences.

FORMAT

Attendance at classes is mandatory. Tutorials and informal meetings are also part of the program. Students attend tutorial sessions if they need help, or as assigned. All courses are taught in Russian.

The faculty of St. Petersburg State University on the basis of student proficiency assigns required readings.

EVALUATION

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Required Text: Any English-Russian, Russian-English Dictionary with no less than 3,000 words.