



St. Petersburg
University

PROGRAMMES IN **RUSSIAN** AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE



SPbU was founded by Emperor Peter the Great in 1724

Take advantage of the unique opportunity provided by **Russia's oldest university** — combine a course of Russian with a fascinating journey through history and culture of St Petersburg



St Petersburg is one of Russia's biggest centres of education, an architectural synthesis of Rome, Venice, and Amsterdam proudly holding the title of the cultural capital of Russia, an open-air museum, a city of romantics and white nights. This is where the vibrancy of an industrial metropolis and versatile cultural life converge in the most stunning of ways.

St Petersburg is a chance **to discover centuries-old university traditions, broaden your knowledge of Russia and its people, meet new friends from all over the world, and explore the wealth of Russian heritage** — the language of Pushkin and Lermontov, Tolstoy and Dostoevsky, Chekhov and Gogol.

Welcome to St Petersburg State University!

Russian as a Foreign Language at St Petersburg State University

1 500 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS **FROM 65+** COUNTRIES

Every year students enroll in the additional educational programme **Russian as a Foreign Language at the SPbU** Russian Language and Culture Institute — one of the leading centres of teaching Russian as a foreign language to international students.



Educational programmes run by the Russian Language and Culture Institute have a modular structure, which enables international students enroll all year round with any entry level of Russian

The Library of the Russian Language and Culture Institute

The Russian Language and Culture, a dedicated department at the SPbU Research Library named after Maksim Gorky, was founded in 1981.

The Library holds **a unique collection of books.** It comprises textbooks and study guides in Russian as a foreign language. The Library is open not only to SPbU academic staff, but also to colleagues from other universities.



Programmes in Russian as a Foreign Language

I. RUSSIAN AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE. GENERAL COURSE.

The course is designed for all entry levels of Russian and has a modular structure.

19 MODULES | **4** WEEKS LONG EACH (80 academic hours)

Depending on the level of Russian, students are offered to enroll on one or several modules. Students with no prior knowledge of Russian, enroll on the module A1-1. Otherwise, students are placed into groups according to the results of a placement test. Each module ends with a diagnostic test.

II. RUSSIAN AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE. SHORT-TERM COURSE.

The course runs from one to three weeks. The course is designed for international students and has a minimum entry requirement of no less than A2 in Russian language proficiency.

The course aims to help students enhance their Russian language proficiency, in particular, their speaking skills.

Every class is structured to include:

training in all major types of language behaviour

exercises in pronunciation, grammar and vocabulary

the development of cultural awareness

We offer a wide array of teaching materials for self-study (written and oral assignments including exercises to develop communication skills, reading comprehension, etc.).

III. SUMMER SCHOOL OF RUSSIAN AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

It is a 2-week summer course designed by St Petersburg University for international students aged 14 or more with basic or no prior knowledge of Russian.

The course is structured to include active and interactive practical classes (dialogues, role plays, following instructions, etc.). Educational guided tours around St Petersburg and the University help to raise cultural awareness and put the theoretical cultural knowledge into practice. The programme runs throughout summer holidays.



Language Testing Center

SPbU Language Testing Center is among Russian leaders in testing, including the Test of Russian as a Foreign Language (TORFL). SPbU is authorized to issue state-recognized certificates required for admission to Russian universities.



Participants of language testing in 2017 — representatives of over 115 countries

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How to Apply

1. Fill in an application form at russian4foreigners.spbu.ru

2. Send a copy of your passport at: info@rlci.spbu.ru

3. Require a letter of invitation from SPbU

4. Apply for a visa from a Russian diplomatic mission

5. Inform SPbU about your arrival at least five days in advance

LETTER OF INVITATION FOR A STUDENT VISA **8** weeks

EU STUDENTS APPLYING FOR A 3 MONTHS COURSE **10** days



Reviews



"I think it was immensely helpful for my Russian skills and I think it was definitely worth coming here for, I feel like I got an experience I would not be able to get anywhere else."

Anthony, USA

"I learned a lot about Russian culture and I really gain an appreciation for language in general. No matter how long you study Russian, there is no way you actually learn it without coming here."

Edward, USA

"It was absolutely wonderful! I like studying Russian. It's difficult but it's enjoyable."

Rebekah, USA



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