ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMES IN RUSSIAN AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE
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 University!
Every year students enroll in the additional educational programmes at the SPbU Center of Additional Educational Programmes Russian as a Foreign Language — one of the leading centres of teaching Russian as a foreign language to international students.

Educational programmes run by The Center of Additional Educational Programmes Russian as a Foreign Language have a modular structure, which enables international students enroll all year round with any entry level of Russian.

The Library of The Center of Additional Educational Programmes Russian as a Foreign Language

The Russian Language and Culture, a dedicated department at the M. Gorky Scientific Library of SPbU 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. At the initial stage of training, the classes represent a complex lesson focused at interrelated development of all types of speech activity. From the base level, the aspectual study of the Russian language is introduced.

19 MODULES | 4 WEEKS LONG EACH (84 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
It is a 2-week summer course designed by St Petersburg University for international students 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. Training is carried out without the use of an intermediary language, via immersion into the language environment. The programme runs throughout summer holidays.
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 St Petersburg University for visa purposes

4. Apply for a visa from a Russian diplomatic mission

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

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.

Every year the representatives from more than 115 countries participate in language testing.

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“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 really enjoyed studying at St Petersburg University. Great teaching staff, who taught us not only Russian language, but also history, literature and culture of Russia. In addition, we get acquainted with an incredibly beautiful city — St Petersburg.”

Akira, Japan

“Exciting lessons and excellent teachers — thanks to them! Now I do not hesitate to speak Russian. I would love to be back shortly to St Petersburg University.”

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