

COURSES

On the first day at school all the students (except total beginners) take the placement test which checks written, listening and oral skills, so that we can place our students in the appropriate class for the language level.

General Russian Programmes

Standard Course

20 hours per week

Standard Course of Russian focuses on integrating all the skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing. The emphasis is on communication skills, increasing the students' vocabulary and improvement of their ability to speak Russian.

Intensive Course

30 hours per week

This is a Standard 20-hours-per-week course plus 2 additional lessons every day. In extra lessons students focus on a particular area of Russian: grammar, vocabulary, speaking. This course emphasizes on improving a specific language area that has been identified as a student's need.

Individual Tuition

10-30 hours per week

The course is designed to suit the particular needs and requirements of the student and concentrates on particular areas of language. The student will be able to decide the schedule and content and the quantity of lessons per week (from 10 to 30 lessons each of 45 minutes).

One-to-one training can be either according to General Russian Language programme (the similar to Standard course) or in any topic or aspect specified by the student.

Group Course

Derzhavin Institute offers programmes for closed groups with a group leader which include: tuition, transfers, accommodation, social programme.

Business Russian

We understand that Business language is one of the most problematic areas of language and requires special attention. Thus we offer two options of Business Russian Course (both aiming at gaining confidence in business communication in meetings and discussions, negotiations and presentations, telephone talks and business writing).

- **In combination with Standard Course**

Each week you take 20 hours of Standard Group Course in the morning plus 10 group business lessons in the afternoon.

- **One-to-One Business Course**

This option is designed for the businessmen who have very specific requirements and needs.

Academic and Exam Preparatory Course

- **Academic Course**

For those students willing to stay in Russia for a long period and master the language through penetration into Russian culture and modern way of life we offer Academic/Long-Stay Course. It is the Standard Group Course but due to its duration the tuition fee is lower.

- **Exam Preparatory Course**

TORFL is the national Test of Russian as a Foreign Language which is certified by the Ministry of Education of Russian Federation. The Russian National Testing System is included in Association of Language Teachers of Europe (ALTE). The tests are required to enter all Russian higher educational establishments, to be officially employed in Russia or for getting Russian citizenship. To get ready for the exam students are offered to take an Academic/Long-Stay Course plus a block of Individual lessons specially constructed to cover the structure of the exam.

LEVELS AND EXAMS

CEF Common European Framework	System of Russian levels	Tests of Russian as Foreign Language (and Cambridge Exams Equivalent)	Hours for each level
Basic User	A1 Breakthrough	Элементарный	TEL
	A2 Waystage	Предпороговый	TBL (Key English Test)
Independent User	B1 Threshold	Пороговый	TORFL-1 (Preliminary English Test)
	B2 Vantage	Пороговый продвинутый	TORFL-2 (First Certificate in English)
Proficient User	C1 Effective Operational Proficiency	Высокий уровень	TORFL-3 (Certificate in Advanced English)
	C2 Mastery	Уровень носителя языка	TORFL-4 (Certificate of Proficiency in English)

Evening Course

For many of the foreigners living and working in St.-Petersburg and also for those coming to Russia for business and working during the daytime but willing to master the language we offer Evening Course. This course suggests classes in a small group and comprises both General and Business Russian and the usage of language in a number of most frequently met everyday situations.



Work and Study Programme

This programme is addressed mostly for students willing to study Russian and stay in Russia for rather a long period. The programme allows the students to take Russian language course compensating the fees by teaching their native language to Russian students at Derzhavin Institute language courses or at other language schools and universities in Saint-Petersburg. Mostly we accept the students specializing in linguistics or the humanities. The minimum duration of such a programme is 4 months.



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RUSSIAN LANGUAGE IN SAINT-PETERSBURG



GENERAL INFORMATION

Founded in 2003 with the participation of All-Russia Pushkin Museum as a part of cultural and educational center, Derzhavin Institute has already proved to be one of the best language schools of the kind.

LOCATION

Situated in the historic center of Saint-Petersburg, the Institute exclusively occupies the top floor of the newly reconstructed 18th century mansion. One of its wings is occupied with Derzhavin Literary Museum, another with art restoration studios, a theater, a library, a hotel.

FACILITIES

The Institute's well-equipped classrooms reproduce the agreeable and comfortable atmosphere of Russian 18th century mansion. There is a recreation hall and a common area with complimentary tea and coffee service, a computer room with free unlimited internet and e-mail access, a students' self study area (including library with a full range of study materials and literature, TV and video facilities). In the Institute info-center students can book tickets for planes, trains, theatres, get information about individual excursions.

QUALITY STANDARDS AND ACCREDITATION

We provide a variety of Russian language courses - long term, short term, intensive and individual - for students of all levels and backgrounds. Whether you are a beginner wanting to learn basic Russian language skills, an advanced student aiming for a top-level qualification or passing state exams (TORFL Test of Russian as a Foreign Language), or an executive who needs to improve your standard of Russian for professional purposes, Derzhavin Institute has the Russian course you need.

We are officially recognized by Russian Association of Teachers for Russian Language and Literature (ROPRYAL) whose concern is the dissemination of Russian language abroad through seminars and conferences organized in different European universities. The quality of teaching and Russian language programmes is accredited by the Ministry of Education of Russian Federation.



TEACHING STANDARDS

The main objective of each programme is to enable students to realize their full potential by creating challenging and engaging classroom environment. Lessons are held in dynamic, innovative classes with a maximum of 10 students per group (an average size although is 5). There is an emphasis on the learning and use of real language.



ACADEMIC STAFF

Our academic staff is a team of professionals - University graduates who hold professional language teaching qualifications. They have gained wealth of experience from teaching Russian as a foreign language in Russian universities as well as abroad. They have been recruited also for their enthusiasm, commitment and dedication.

Friendly and accessible, they appreciate the needs of students and take an active role in planning courses. In addition, most of our administrative staff are teachers too.

CERTIFICATE

Upon successful course completion all our students receive a certificate which states the level of Russian according to the European Common Framework of languages and course length.



ACCOMMODATION

We take great care in choosing and monitoring the accommodation we provide. Lodgings are available to students from the Sunday before the beginning of the course until the Sunday after the course. We have a wide range of accommodation options - homestays, hostels/guest houses, hotels, rented flats - and can find something to suit everyone.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The school recreation hall is the place to relax between classes, chatting in Russian over tea or coffee in a friendly, free and easy atmosphere with students from all over the world and school staff. Our weekly social programme has something for all students of all ages. On the first day of classes students receive an informational folder including a list of social activities for the coming week with dates and prices if any. There are visits to museums, tours in and around St.-Petersburg, parties, walks, theatre trips. Taking the students out of regular classes these activities enable



them to practice Russian language in social settings and real life situations and gain an in-depth understanding of language through cultural traditions. Some of the regular activities such as Russian Song Lesson, Russian Folk Art Lesson, watching Russian films are free of charge. Besides there is always something happening in St.-Petersburg and we try to keep our students informed on all the events in St.-Petersburg so they can enjoy them.

Our students benefit from individual attention and personal care we give to each student beginning from the moment of receiving the application, through full visa support and advice. Our experienced and friendly staff can help you with your visa, accommodation, bank account, academic matters and any problems students may face in a foreign country.



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