

Teacher Development Course:

Incorporating Information Computer Technologies in Class



Who should attend?

This teacher development program is designed for international teachers and university graduates from the European Union, the USA and other countries.

The aim of the course is to help teachers who would like to incorporate information computer technologies into studying process. Course introduces various software tools and provides the possibility of their practical application.

Course program

Preparation

Prior to the start of the course, each participant will be sent a questionnaire in order to specify his/her needs and expectations towards the course, preferred learning style, personal interests, challenges in working with students, etc. The data collected will be used to incorporate into our program some additional elements particularly important/beneficial to the course participants.

Objectives

1. To get acquainted with modern tendencies in education and the use of ICT for educational purposes.
2. To get acquainted with the history and modern life of the multicultural society in Daugavpils region.

Methodology

- Incorporating modern information and computer technologies into the process of learning.
- Methods of increasing student motivation and responsibility;
- Discussions and demonstrations aimed at exchanging experience between participants.

Course details

Dates:

2019: 23.09 - 04.10

2020: 23.03 - 03.04; 05.10 - 16.10

Other dates may be provided upon request of 6 or more participants.

Duration: 10 study days.

Program: 42 lessons (training course), cultural program

Group size: 6 students minimum.

Unique features of the program:

- Specialists of Daugavpils University deliver theoretical part of the course; practical part of the course is run by leading teachers-experts in the region.
- Study visits to schools and getting acquainted with the modern practice of teaching Russian as a foreign language.

Participants will be provided with:

- Course materials, stationery;
- Mobile phone, local SIM-card with a pre-paid deposit;
- Free Internet access in the class;
- Certificate of attendance.

Course price includes the following excursions (tentative):

- Welcome to Daugavpils sightseeing tour;
- The Church Hill a symbol of multicultural history;
- The Russian House – culture center of Daugavpils Russian community;
- Dinaburg Fortress.

No visa required:

Citizens of the European Union, the USA, Canada and many other countries do not require a visa to enter Latvia.

Daugavpils – the most Russian city in the EU

This intensive course for Russian language teachers and university graduates is arranged in Daugavpils, the second largest city of Latvia.

Daugavpils is a unique place – a Russian linguistic enclave at the territory of the European Union. It is the perfect place for Russian language immersions and communication skills training for the EU students.

Daugavpils is a multinational city, where

- 96 000 people live;
- more than 50% of the population are ethnic Russians;
- nearly everyone speaks standard modern Russian as their native or primary language;
- Russian is the language of everyday communication.

Daugavpils region has inherited remarkable ethnical, confessional, and cultural diversity. This small territory is a home for different communities – Russian, Latvian, Latgalian, Jewish, Polish, Byelorussian, Roma – where they have been living and cooperating for centuries. Daugavpils is a positive example of intercultural society and integration for the whole EU.

Daugavpils is a cozy, compact, green, safe and clean city with a modern infrastructure. Comfort, quality of service and low prices attract visitors to Daugavpils.

Sample course timetable

Please note that this is a sample timetable. Course content and cultural program may be adapted to incorporate the needs of participants of each specific group.

WEEK 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00 – 10.30	ICT and actual tendencies of the education in Latvia	Interactive whiteboard main tools for creating teaching materials	Questions and answers registering system - remotes, using <i>ActivInspire</i> tools	Interactive computer program "Hot Potatoes"	ICT characteristics and capabilities Tools for educational system
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break				
11.00 – 12.30	Educational standards	<i>ActivInspire</i> potential capabilities, educational software for integrated interactive class	Assessment of student's knowledge, using <i>ActivInspire</i> tools	Tools for creating assignments	Cloud service
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch				
14.00 – 15.30	Computer programs, educational virtual websites Inter-cultural dialogue: Daugavpils past and present	Creating teaching materials, using <i>ActivInspire</i> tools Excursion: The Church Hill – a symbol of multicultural history and tolerance in Daugavpils	Interactive computer program "GeoGebra" Software capabilities in visualizing educational material Practical use of the program in teaching process Excursion: The Russian House – culture center of the Daugavpils Russian community	Creating crossword puzzles Creating texts with missing words Excursion: Dinaburg Fortress. Mark Rothko Art Centre (optional)	Applied solutions in the client-server
Evening	Welcome event (optional)	Free time		Daugavpils theatre (optional)	Friday restaurant (optional)

WEEK 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00 – 10.30	<p>Interactive whiteboard and the essence of interactive teaching materials</p> <p>Main tools of the interactive whiteboard.</p> <p>Using interactive whiteboard instead of an ordinary chalkboard</p>	<p>Using teaching management system (LMS) MOODLE in the learning process</p>	<p>Compiling the themes of the course, drawing up a course, view modes.</p> <p>Organization of resources and activities of the course.</p>	<p>Organizing of the assessment journal</p>	<p>Review of the outcomes of training and reviews of participants.</p> <p>The plan of further actions.</p>
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break				
11.00 – 12.30	<p>Using prepared teaching material on the interactive whiteboard.</p> <p>Creating interactive teaching materials using simple interactive methods.</p>	<p>Making of the teaching course.</p> <p>View, course characteristics, registering students.</p>	<p>Creating and using tests during the teaching process.</p>	<p>Security, backup and restore of the course contents to another teaching system</p>	
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch				
14.00 – 17.00		<p>Excursion: Local Museum</p>	<p>Excursion: Clay Art Centre</p>	<p>Free time</p>	<p>Free time</p>
Evening	<p>Free time</p>	<p>Free time</p>	<p>Free time</p>	<p>Thursday restaurant (optional)</p>	

Accommodation and Meals

Host family. We offer a private room in a carefully chosen local Russian family.

We look not only for comfortable living conditions but for the family's friendly attitude towards potential "family member" as well. Our host families always have time to talk to our students, are patient, understanding, careful and prepared to provide help with any problem that may arise during the student's stay in Daugavpils. The cost for living in a host family includes a daily breakfast. Free Internet access is available in all host families.

We do our best to offer accommodation in host families that live close to our training facilities, so the students can reach the class in less than 20 minutes walking.

Students are provided with coffee, tea, water, biscuits free of charge during coffee breaks.

Course price and Registration

Course participants from the EU countries may be eligible for obtaining financing under the European Union support program Erasmus+ (Key Action 1: Mobility project for school education staff/Mobility project for adult education staff).

Erasmus+ projects should be submitted by schools. Please contact your school administration or the National Agency representing Erasmus+ programs in your country about the terms and dates for applying.

Course price:

Course fee	700.00 Euro
Registration	100.00 Euro
• Accommodation fee	
host family (breakfast included)	140.00 Euro
host family (breakfast and dinner included)	165.00 Euro

Participants pay for:

Transfer in a group from/to Riga-Daugavpils	75.00 Euro
Individual transfer, one way	120.00 Euro

Additional excursions and social program (upon request):

• Riga – the capital of Latvia (upon arrival)	25.00 Euro
• Mark Rothko Art Centre	15.00 Euro
• Aglona Basilica, King's Hill and Bread Museum in Aglona (Saturday or Sunday)	45.00 Euro
• Vilnius – the capital of Lithuania, Trakai Castle (Saturday or Sunday)	80.00 Euro
• Museum of Dolls in Preiļi	30.00 Euro
• Multicultural Russian-Latvian-Polish-Jewish Dinaburg-Dvinsk-Daugavpils	20.00 Euro
• Daugavpils theatre, Russian films;	
• Dinners in cafes with teachers.	

The price of lunch/dinner in a café is about 3.00 – 7.00 Euro.

Project "Learn Russian in the European Union"

The project "Learn Russian in the EU" is a combined initiative of the Daugavpils University and Training Centre LatInSoft.

The goals of the project are:

- Providing educational services in the sphere of Russian language and culture
- Promoting Daugavpils as the ideal place for studying and full immersion into the Russian language and culture within the territory of the European Union

Daugavpils University, established in 1921, is the major academic and research institution in Eastern Latvia. The Department of Russian and Slavic Linguistics has a long tradition of research and teaching the Russian language and literature to teachers, philologists and linguists from Latvia and many foreign countries.

The programs offered by the University are aimed at students with different level of language proficiency: courses for students who have just started learning a language as well as those who want to improve and develop their knowledge in linguistics. The academic courses are run by the faculty of the Department of Russian and Slavic Linguistics, who hold Doctoral degrees and who work in implementation of the Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral programs as well as professional pedagogical and translator's programs and programs related to intercultural communication.

Training center LatInSoft was established in 1993 in Daugavpils.

Training Centre LatInSoft is an educational institution, accredited by the Ministry of Science and Education of Latvia, working in the sphere of teaching Russian and other languages, professional education and advanced training.

Since 2004 Training center LatInSoft runs various Russian language training programs for foreign students.

All teachers of the project "Learn Russian in the EU" are native speakers and have an appropriate degree, professional qualifications and substantial experience in Russian language teaching.

Experience in teacher development courses. For several years the project "Learn Russian in the EU" has been offering development courses for teachers of Russian as a foreign language. Numerous teachers from the EU received Comenius and Grundtvig grants to study with us.

Our programs received very favorable reviews from the participants.

Welcome to Daugavpils!

To apply individually or request additional information about our Russian language programs or the "Learn Russian in the European Union" initiative or Daugavpils:

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