



Russian as a Foreign Language - 15 ECTS credits

Intermediate	Conversational Russian and Communicative Linguistics
	Basics of Russian Orthography and Punctuation
	Normative Grammar I - II
Advanced	Conversational Russian and Communicative Linguistics
	Issues of Russian orthography and punctuation
	Russian functional stylistics
	Modern standard Russian: lexicology I
	Modern standard Russian: morphology I
	Modern standard Russian: syntax I
Superior	Russian stylistics
	Modern standard Russian: syntax II
	Russian phraseology
	Business Russian

Sample Courses Political Science - 15 ECTS credits

Politics and Government in the Former USSR
Introduction to political science
European Studies in Trans Border Perspective The East European and Baltic Region
NATO – Russia Relations and Baltic States’ Defence Policy
Nuclear Weapons in Foreign and Defence Policy in the 21st Century
Policy and state political relations in EU countries
Political socialization and modelling of political processes
History of the Era of the Second World War
History of Modern Diplomacy
Fundamentals of the EU
Political Theory
Ethnopolitics
Politology

* Students can pick any selection of courses for up to 15 ECTS credits. These courses are taught in Russian and/or English.

Daugavpils University reserves the right to update the list of offered courses.

The academic program is supplemented with weekday excursions and weekend field trips. All excursions are led by professional guides or DU faculty members.

Weekend Overnight Trips

Long weekend overnight trips to Riga, the capital of Latvia, and Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania, are provided as part of the program. Hotel lodging is included in the program fee.

Independent Travel

Two long (Thursday-Sunday) are reserved for students’ independent travel. Visa-free trips to Helsinki, Stockholm, Warsaw, Prague, and Berlin have been among the most popular of our students’ choices.

Optional Travel Week: Russia or Belarus

During a designated travel week, students may choose an optional guided tour of Russia (Moscow, St. Petersburg) or Belarus (Vitebsk, Minsk, Nesvizh, Brest, Grodno). Help with visa applications is provided.

Also included:

- Full on-site orientation.
- Welcome kit with reference materials and maps.
- Local mobile phone with a pre-paid deposit.
- Local health and accident insurance.
- Free Wi-Fi in class and at host family residences.
- Round-trip airport transfer to Riga International Airport.
- Cultural and athletic activities.
- 24/7 in-country support.

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Academic Study Abroad Program

RUSSIAN LANGUAGE AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

at Daugavpils University, Latvia

Russian Language and Political Science

This customized study abroad program is targeted to Political Science, Security Studies, and International Relations majors who are studying Russian as a foreign language. The program includes intensive Russian-language study at different target proficiency levels as well as elective courses in political science presented either in English or in Russian.

The program is offered by Daugavpils University's Department of Russian and Slavic Linguistics, in cooperation with other relevant administrative areas at the university.

Daugavpils University will award up to 30 European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) credits - the equivalent of 15 US university credits. 15 of these ECTS credits will be earned in Russian language, courses while the other 15 will be earned in political science.

No visa is required to study in Latvia for citizens of the United States, Canada, European Union member states, and many other countries.

Program Features:

- Russian as a Foreign Language Study Module, provided at Intermediate, Advanced, and Superior target proficiency levels.
- Diverse elective course options in political science.
- Accommodation with Russian-speaking host families.
- Native Russian-speaking student communication partners.
- Excursions, field trips, cultural and athletic activities.
- Local health insurance, two-way airport transfer, a local mobile phone and a full orientation.
- Optional guided trip to Russia or Belarus. Visas can be obtained from consulates located in Daugavpils.
- Full linguistic and cultural immersion in the most Russian city of the European Union.
- Full-time in-country support.

THE PERFECT LOCATION FOR STUDY ABROAD

Daugavpils, the second largest city in Latvia, is a unique place – a Russian-language enclave and the most Russian city in the European Union.

Students will experience full linguistic immersion and undergo an amazing cultural experience in a city which was once part of both the Russian Empire and the Soviet Union and which has a remarkable historical legacy tied to Russia and Russian-European relations. Daugavpils is the perfect location for a Russian-language study abroad program.

Daugavpils University (DU) is the foremost academic and research institution in Eastern Latvia. Its Department of Russian and Slavic Linguistics has a long tradition of research and instruction in Russian language and literature. The department offers Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral programs in Russian philology, pedagogy, and intercultural communication.

Credit Transfer

DU awards European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) credits, the standard for most European countries. ECTS credits are widely accepted by universities around the world.

Please contact your academic advisor regarding all aspects of DU/ECTS credit approval by your home institution, and make sure you are familiar with all requirements and restrictions. ECTS credit recognition depends entirely on your home institution.

Course Structure

Students of this program can expect to attend up to 20 hours of for-credit coursework weekly. Classes are formed exclusively from Learn Russian in the EU international students. Therefore, classmates share similar academic backgrounds and similar training objectives.

Elective courses in the natural sciences may be delivered in a one-on-one setting: either in English or in Russian at the student's choice.

Eligibility

Anyone over the age of 18 who is studying in a university or who holds a high school degree may apply to the program. Minimum ACTFL Intermediate Low Russian-language proficiency or its equivalent is required.

RUSSIAN-SPEAKING HOST FAMILIES

One of Learn Russian in the EU's greatest assets is its partnership with outstanding Russian-speaking host families. These families offer much more than convenient lodging and good meals for our international students – they are integral to the program's language training and cultural activities. Living with a host family will give students an unforgettable linguistic and cultural experience.

Accommodation with Russian-speaking host families comes with breakfast and dinner on workdays and three meals on weekends.

Students may also count on assistance in finding an individual rental apartment if desired.

Semester Program Costs

Participation Confirmation Fee	100 Euro (non-refundable)
Program Fee	
Tuition and fees for the program	5650 Euro
Host family lodging, half board	2640 Euro
Books, copies, materials	140 Euro
Local transportation	140 Euro
Insurance	90 Euro

PROGRAM TOTAL: 8660 Euro

* Includes all program activities and services: tuition, excursions, in-country support, local mobile phone, and etc.

Financial Support

Former students of our program have found funding through the Boren Scholarship, the Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, and other programs.

Students may also apply for the Dobychin Scholarship.

Payments

The program fee is payable in two 50% installments. The first payment must be completed before the program begins and the second payment is expected within 6 weeks of the start of the semester abroad program.

DATES AND DEADLINES *

Spring semester, duration 16 weeks:

Participation Confirmation Fee Due	December 1
Program Pre-Payment (50%) Due	January 16
Program Start Date	February 3
Final Payment (50%) Due	March 20
Program End Date	May 22

Fall semester, duration 15 weeks:

Participation Confirmation Fee Due	June 23
Program Pre-Payment (50%) Due	August 14
Program Start Date	September 1
Final Payment (50%) Due	October 20
Program End Date	December 18

* Dates are tentative.