RUSSIAN LANGUAGE & CULTURE IMMERSION PROGRAM

Become fluent in a language and culture of significant national and global importance

California State University, Northridge, is offering a unique opportunity to develop advanced Russian language skills that are currently much in demand for careers in international business and government sectors

Students who are accepted into this highly competitive program will benefit from a unique language development experience

Russian Language & Culture Summer Immersion Program (2015)
June 7th - July 17th

The Russian Language & Culture Immersion Program is proficiency-based and integrates Russian language acquisition with individual students' academic and/or career fields. Selected participants must commit to fully apply themselves to the goals of the program and to follow it to completion. Language learners at all levels are eligible to apply. Upon completion of the program students may be eligible to receive up to six units of credit.

Interested?

Please read further and contact the program director for more information.

Dina Mokhnatkin dina.mokhnatkin@csun.edu
Phone: (818) 677- 3593 or (818) 677-3450

Dina Mokhnatkin
Liberal Studies Program, EA 100
California State University, Northridge
18111 Nordhoff Street; Northridge, CA 91330-8338
Or visit : http://www.csun.edu/humanities/startalk

Russian Language & Culture Immersion Program Model

Students learn in cohorts appropriate to their entrance-level language proficiency, ensuring that all participants set and achieve challenging yet attainable goals. Program description:

Summer Immersion Language Study: This residential program integrates language and culture courses of study. The program is open to motivated, high-achieving students from any university, community college, ROTC program, or high school who meet the admission criteria. Students receive in-class language instruction in the mornings and afternoons and participate in Russian cultural activities and excursions during evening and weekend hours. The program includes language instruction, group activities, projects, online and individualized learning, guest lectures, field trips, and other extracurricular activities. Students also have access to a body of specialized language materials including Russian websites, video/DVD documentaries, newspapers, magazines, and other relevant and contemporary reading materials. Students must communicate in Russian at all times throughout the program.

Language proficiency progress is regularly assessed by standardized tests.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

STUDENT SELECTION CRITERIA:

- High motivation
- Commitment to Russian language study
- Sufficient language proficiency to enter the program*
- Meeting the minimum GPA requirement (3.0)
- Maintaining the pledge to speak only Russian throughout the program
- Assessment and interview by program staff

*Special group offered for students with no previous Russian language experience

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

The application packet should include the following (incomplete applications will not be considered):

- Completed application form, including statement of purpose in English and essay in Russian (students with no previous Russian language experience are not required to submit an essay in Russian)
- A letter of reference and two other referees in support of your application
- Official transcripts

Send completed application and required documents to program director Dina Mokhnatkin

Dina Mokhnatkin
Liberal Studies Program, EA 100
California State University, Northridge
18111 Nordhoff Street
Northridge, CA 91330-8338

THE APPLICATION PACKET IS DUE MARCH 27, 2015

STARTALK Russian Language & Culture Immersion Program - Summer 2015

Applications should be typewritten if possible; otherwise, please print LEGIBLY in black ink

NAME _____
last name *first name* *middle name*

AGE _____ **DATE OF BIRTH** _____ **SEX** (*circle one*) male / female
day / month / year

PLACE OF BIRTH _____
city *state* *country*

CITIZENSHIP _____ **E-MAIL ADDRESS** _____

CURRENT ADDRESS _____
number and street *apartment number*

_____
city, state, zip code

CURRENT PHONE: **DAY** _____ **EVENING** _____
area code and phone *area code and phone*

CURRENT ADDRESS VALID UNTIL _____
day / month / year

PERMANENT ADDRESS (*if different from current):*

_____
number and street *apartment number*

_____
city, state, zip code

PERMANENT PHONE (**DAY**) _____ (**EVENING**) _____
area code and phone *area code and phone*

WORK ADDRESS: _____
number and street

_____
city, state, and zip code

_____
area code and phone

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____
name and relationship to you

_____
number and street, apartment number *city, state, and zip code*

_____ _____
area code and phone *e-mail address*

ACADEMIC & LANGUAGE BACKGROUND

CURRENT ACADEMIC AFFILIATION (if none, leave blank): _____
MAJOR: _____

CURRENT ACADEMIC LEVEL:

___ **First year undergraduate**
___ **Sophomore**
___ **Junior**
___ **Senior**
___ **Graduate Student**

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: *List all institutions attended and dates of attendance, most recent first; major field of study; and degrees received and expected, with dates. Continue on another sheet if necessary.*

Institution & Location	***Dates of Attendance***	***Field of Study***	***Degree & Date Received or Expected***

LANGUAGE BACKGROUND: *List all Russian language courses taken (include both university and others) and related work experiences, beginning with the most recent. Continue on another sheet if necessary.*

Course # and Title	***Institution and Location***	***Dates of Attendance***	***Field of Study***

Position	***Employer/Location***	***Main Responsibilities***	***Dates***

PRIOR STUDY ABROAD: *Please list any prior study-abroad experiences. Continue on another sheet if necessary.*

Program ***Location*** ***Dates***

_____

_____

_____

_____

TOTAL TIME SPENT STUDYING ABROAD (IN MONTHS):_____

PROFICIENCY TESTS: *If you have taken a Russian language proficiency test, please provide as much of the following information as possible***:**

Year	**Skill (please check)**	**Score**	**Administering Organization**	**Test Type**
_____	Listening _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	Reading _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	Speaking _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	Writing _____	_____	_____	_____

PROFICIENCY IN OTHER FOREIGN LANGUAGES: *Please list the number of years and location(s) of your study of other foreign languages*:

Language ***Place of Study*** ***Number of Years***

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

REFERENCES: *List names, addresses, and phone numbers of three people who can serve as your references*

_____

_____

_____

CERTIFICATION: *Please sign and date below***.**
I certify that all of the information in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ Date _____

Program staff will notify you when your application is received and if any information is missing.

Statement of Purpose

Write/type below a 250-300 word essay in English addressing the following points:
What do you expect to achieve by participating in CSUN's Russian Language & Culture Immersion Program? How will being fluent in Russian help you in your future? How will your knowledge of Russian language and culture enhance your academic and/or career opportunities? How will you continue to develop your language skills after you complete this program?

Essay in Russian

Write/type below a short essay in Russian describing one particular aspect of the language or culture that you find interesting or unique.

RUSSIAN LANGUAGE & CULTURE IMMERSION PROGRAM

NAME: _____ **Date:** _____

ACADEMIC AFFILIATION: _____

OPTIONAL: ***This form is designed to help us better publicize this program to interested students. Your answer will not be considered during the selection process.***

How did you hear about CSUN's Russian Language & Culture Immersion Program? Please check one or more of the following:

____ Your professor
____ Your university website
____ The CSU Chancellor's Office website
____ Colleague or peer
____ Other: _____

____ Former program participant(s)
____ Program director/faculty/staff
____ Listserv (please specify which):
_____

Have you previously applied to any language immersion programs? _____ yes _____ no

If so, please indicate for which program you applied and whether or not you participated.

Program name:
_____

Program period applied for: _____ ___ Participated ___ Did not participate

Comments/Suggestions on our program dissemination and recruitment:

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____