

# ****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

### **S**tudents who are accepted into this highly competitive program will benefit from a unique language development experience

Russian Language & Culture Summer Immersion Program (2020)  
June 9, 2020 - July 10, 2020

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.

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**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 experienceAPPLICATION 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**](mailto:dina.mokhnatkin@csun.edu)

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**The application packet is due** **March 31, 2020**

# STARTALK Russian Language & Culture Immersion Program - Summer 2020

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

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## ACADEMIC & LANGUAGE BACKGROUND

**CURRENT ACADEMIC AFFILIATION (if none, leave blank)**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**CURRENT ACADEMIC LEVEL: \_\_\_ First year undergraduate \_\_\_ Graduate Student**

**\_\_\_ Sophomore**

**\_\_\_ Junior**

**\_\_\_ Senior**

**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***

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**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***

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

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

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

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**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**

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**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***

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

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**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.

# California State University, Northridge seal****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 \_\_\_\_ Former program participant(s)

\_\_\_\_ Your university website \_\_\_\_ Program director/faculty/staff

\_\_\_\_ The CSU Chancellor’s Office website \_\_\_\_ Listserv (please specify which):

\_\_\_\_ Colleague or peer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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*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:**

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