

## Summer 2021 Online Program

### **ADVANCED RUSSIAN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES PROGRAM (RLASP)**

In addition to its in-person Advanced Russian Language and Area Studies Program (RLASP) in Russia, American Councils is pleased to offer the RLASP summer 2021 coursework by way of distance learning. Participants will attend daily, remote language instruction, meet with virtual conversation partners, and take part in a variety of virtual cultural activities.

#### ***Host Institutions***

- Moscow International University – Moscow, Russia
- Russian State Pedagogical University – St. Petersburg, Russia

#### ***Academic Structure Overview***

The academic program features daily online (synchronous and asynchronous) instruction that focuses on developing language skills in speaking, reading, listening, grammar, and writing, and through regional studies coursework on history and culture. Participants also complete regular assignments outside of class that expand upon the activities covered in online classes.

Live instruction is approximately 12 academic hours per week, with class sizes of two to six students depending on language level. Participants can expect at least two hours per day of synchronous instruction conducted Monday through Friday. Additional academic hours per week will be delivered in an asynchronous (recorded) format.

American Councils will administer pre- and post-program testing with an Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) to measure participants' language gains.

#### ***Conversation Partners***

To provide opportunities for informal Russian language practice and connections with locals, participants are paired with host country conversation partners. Participants and their conversation partners meet remotely for approximately an hour every week to provide additional contact hours in Russian throughout the semester.

#### ***Cultural Activities***

American Councils will arrange virtual cultural activities and excursions to places of historical and cultural importance throughout Russia. The virtual activities and excursions are conducted in Russian by local alumni and staff, who share different aspects of local culture or traditions in order to increase cultural understanding on a local level.

Potential virtual activities and excursions include virtual host family visits, virtual tours of city sights and local museums, cooking lessons, music and dance lessons, virtual holiday celebrations, discussion groups with local students.

#### ***Academic Credit***

Upon successful completion of the online program, participants will receive academic credit equivalent to 8 undergraduate credit hours or 10 graduate credit hours from Bryn Mawr College as follows:

RUSS 320 Intensive Conversation (1.0 Unit\*) for undergraduate students

RUSS 515 Intensive Conversation (1.0 Unit\*) for graduate students



RUSS 330 Intensive Grammar (1.0 Unit\*) for undergraduate students  
RUSS 525 Intensive Grammar (1.0 Unit\*) for graduate students

*\*One Bryn Mawr unit is equivalent to four undergraduate or five graduate semester hours.*

### **Class Schedule**

Classes meet Monday through Friday and range from two to four academic hours per day. Classes take place between 11 am and 3 pm E.S.T. Daily schedule varies based on group placement and teacher availability.

### **Dates**

Classes start on **Monday, June 14, 2021** and continue for eight-weeks through **Friday, August 6, 2021**.

### **Cost**

The RLASP Summer 2021 online program fee is **\$3,900**.

### **Financial Aid**

American Councils has several scholarships available for students applying to the RLASP Summer 2021 Online program. Applicants can apply for financial aid in the program application.

### **To Apply**

Applications will be accepted through **Monday, May 3, 2021** with admission and consideration for financial aid offered on a rolling basis as soon as an application is complete. Please visit our [online application portal](#) to begin the application process.

### **Questions?**

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