Program Overview

Russia is an important hub for large-scale international business, providing a wealth of career opportunities for those who combine their economics, business, political science, art background with the ability to speak Russian. The program is designed for students of any major, who have interest in Russian language and culture and/or students interested in development, social changes, international relations, anthropology and art. The program combines language learning with intercultural studies, enhanced by immersion in the authentic Russian environment. The unique combination of these components should boost the students’ language and cultural proficiency. The trip includes 4 weeks of intensive studies in the historical downtown of St. Petersburg. Additional trips and sightseeing to Peterhof, Novgorod, and Moscow, Russia.

Academics

The program offers a total of 6 semester credits, including 3 credits in Russian Language and 3 credits in Cross-Cultural Psychology Developmental.

1. Russian Language: RUS 101 (beginner) or RUS 201 (intermediate) or higher, depending on student’s proficiency; taught by highly qualified faculty of St. Petersburg State University of Economics (UNECON) – 3 credits, transcript from UNECON. Pre-requisites: none for RUS101.

2. PSY 270, Cross-Cultural Psychology Developmental. This 3-credit course meets the University studies requirement of the Living in a Global Society category. This is a survey course designed for major and non-major undergraduates interested in learning about cross-cultural and multicultural psychology taught by Dr. Graciela Espinosa-Hernandez, Associate Professor in the Psychology department at UNCW. We will examine psychological processes in the social, and cognitive domains, and how they vary across cultures. We will understand the role of Russian culture on several of these processes. We will also learn about diverse socialization processes, acculturation, and identity development.

Application

Application Deadline: February 15, 2017

- To apply, log in at: https://itsappserv02.uncw.edu/intprogapp/ and select your program of choice
- A $500 non-refundable deposit is due at time of application

Program Facts

Location......................St. Petersburg, Peterhof, Novgorod, & Moscow, Russia

Tentative Program Dates.................May 28 - June 22, 2017*

*Mandatory pre-departure classes (available online via WebEx): May 17 & May 24, 2017

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Eligibility

Students are eligible to apply for this program if they meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Degree-seeking student
- At least Sophomore standing at time of participation
- Good judicial standing
- 2.50+ GPA
- Students should procure an International Student ID card (ISIC), which must be done individually before leaving the U.S. via www.myisic.com. Besides being an internationally-recognized ID, the card provides discounts to many attractions and is considered in the budget.
Location

The UNECON campus [http://en.unecon.ru/] is located in a safe historical area of St. Petersburg, within walking distance of famous tourist attractions, as well as world-class museums, excellent theaters, and European shopping. Dining of every sort is within a 5-minute walk. Even McDonald’s is different in Russia!

The accommodation is the local university dorm, with staff experienced in hosting foreign student groups. The dormitory is located directly on the university campus in the historical center of St. Petersburg. The dorm is in excellent condition with a kitchen, internet, and laundry available. The leader will be housed in the same dormitory.

In Moscow the group will spend 2 nights at a centrally located hostel, with rooms for 4-8 students.

Program Activities & Features

St. Petersburg and Moscow are highly sought after tourist destinations, rich with history, cultural experiences, and an immense variety of foods. The guided activities include:

In St. Petersburg:
- The State Hermitage
- The Yusupov Palace
- WWII sites including the Siege of Leningrad

Tour In Moscow:
- The Kremlin and Red Square
- Christ the Savior Cathedral
- The Jewish Museum and Tolerance Center

Additional day trips: Petergof & Novgorod

Estimated Program Fee: $2,750

Program Fee Includes:
- Accommodations at UNECON dormitory and Moscow hostel
- 3 credits Russian language tuition
- Visas
- Train and airport transfers
- Excursions
- Administrative fees

Additional Costs:
- UNCW tuition (3 credits)
- Airfare
- Food money
- Local transportation
- ISIC card

Federal and state financial aid may be applied toward this program. Even if you are normally ineligible for financial aid, you should submit a financial aid application (FAFSA). You may find that you are eligible for additional funding.

UNCW students may also apply for a UNCW Education Abroad Grant and additional study abroad scholarships. Grant applications and additional information are available at: [www.uncw.edu/international/abroad/aid.html](http://www.uncw.edu/international/abroad/aid.html)