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SHORT RESIDENTIAL UNITS OVERSEAS – WINTER VACATION 2011

St. Petersburg State University Russian short term program (*advance beginners, intermediate and advanced levels*)

4 - 22 July 2011 (3 weeks)

Macquarie application deadline: March 25th 2011

Overview

The Center of Russian Language and Culture of Saint Petersburg State University is one of the major centers of short-term study programs for international visitors to Russia. The course curriculum of the Center includes a wide variety of programs developed by the experienced professors and instructors of the Center. All academic programs focus on the use language in real-life situations.

Saint Petersburg and its environs provide rich cultural material on which much of the Center's course materials are based. The curriculum also includes extensive area studies material and introduces students to various aspects of life in Russia, including Russian traditions and folk culture.

Macquarie University offers intensive short courses to be undertaken by students in Russia during the mid-year break (July). Students will experience full immersion in a living language environment.

Program description

The course will consist of 20 hours of Russian language classes per week, for 3 weeks.

Student Profile

This program is specifically designed for Russian language students at Macquarie University. The short term programs are primarily for students undertaking a study program with a language major at Macquarie University (BA/BIntStud/Dipl.Lang.). Only in exceptional circumstances, students from other faculties who have been studying a language at Macquarie will be permitted to participate, provided the credit they gain from the program can be applied to their degree.

Student Numbers

A maximum of 10 Macquarie students can participate in the course

Outcome

- Advancement of Russian language skills
- Language immersion in St. Petersburg
- Acquirement of credit points towards a Macquarie award program

Timing and Duration of Program

The program will run for 3 weeks during July 2011. Students must be present for the entirety of

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the course. The Russian language program will start on July 4th and finish on July 22nd 2011.

Assignment and Assessment

Attendance at all classes is mandatory. Students will be presented with a Certificate at the conclusion of the course.

Credit

Students participating in the course will be enrolled into the appropriate Residential Uni (**RSN140- RSN240- RSN340**). All students must be enrolled for this credit, and standard tuition fees (HECS or full fee) for the enrollment are payable to Macquarie. The cost of enrolment at Macquarie is not included in the logistics fee.

Students cannot enroll themselves into the unit until they have been accepted into the program and a waiver has been entered.

The results will be recorded as "satisfactory" or "fail" and, provided they pass, will not affect their GPA.

Selection Criteria

- Students must be enrolled in a relevant Macquarie University degree award program at the time of application and also at the time of travel
- Students must have a satisfactory level of academic achievement with a Macquarie University GPA of 2.5 or higher. In exceptional circumstances, students with a GPA of 2.0 - 2.5 may be considered for short term programs only on the advice of the Head of The Department of International Studies. Students should in the first instance contact Carolina Rodriguez carolina.rodriguez@mq.edu.au to outline their case for consideration.
- Students must receive credit points towards their MQ degree for their participation in this program
- Priority will be given to students that are currently enrolled in a degree with a language major at Macquarie University
- Students' eligibility will be assessed according to the guidelines in the Student Mobility Policy. http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/important/student_exchange
- Students will be selected to participate in the program based on academic merit, references and personal statement
- Students enrolled in a Certificate in Languages only are not eligible for travel grants
- Students enrolled in non award programs are not eligible to participate in the short term programs
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Language students in their first year may participate in an in-country unit without having fulfilled the 18cp requirement on the following conditions:

- They are enrolled in a Bachelor degree program at Macquarie
- They are enrolled in both Semester 1 and Semester 2 units for their chosen language
- They obtain a recommendation from the Department of International Studies
- The short program in which they are participating is one that has been specifically designed for students going between 1st and 2nd semester language units
- The program offered is specifically established for a group of students who do not comply with the regular policy. If this is the case, it will be made clear in the documentation about the program

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Travel Grant

- Eligible students participating in the program will receive a Macquarie travel grant of \$2,000.
- These grants will be paid directly into students' Australian bank accounts, provided they attend all compulsory information sessions and complete all required application forms and other documentation by the deadlines stated on those documents.
- Students enrolled in a Certificate in Languages are not eligible for travel grants.

OS – Help

In the event that you should require additional financial assistance, the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) has announced the provision of loans to assist Australian students undertake some of their study towards their undergraduate degree overseas. The scheme is known as OS-HELP.

See further information on this link

http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/process/accepted_exchange

Accommodation

Students will stay in Residence at the University hostel (double room in a block consisting of two or three bedrooms) or with a Russian host family (2 meals per day are included). These fees will be paid directly to St. Petersburg University in Russian Rubbles.

Residence at the University	200 USD per month (double/triple room self catering)
Russian host family	220 USD per week (it includes two meals per day)

Details on payment will be given once students have been accepted into the program.

Students must provide a passport copy and confirm to Carolina Rodriguez the tentative dates of arrival/ departure and the kind of accommodation required by April 6th 2011.

Note: Airport pick up service is provided by St.Petersburg University (\$40 USD one way). Students may pay this fee upon arrival. Please email Carolina Rodriguez your arrival details (flight number, time and date) to book the airport pick up.

Russian visa

St. Petersburg may take between four and eight weeks to send the invitation letter. After the letter of invitation is received, students will be required to apply for the visa directly in the Russian Embassy at Canberra. For further information on the visa process please visit the Embassy of Russia website <http://canberra.rusembassy.org/>

Cost

The Logistics Fee for this program is estimated to be **\$100**.

Please note that these fees are estimated, the fees could change according to the exchange rate.

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This fee includes:

- Registration fee and Invitation letter
- Certificate including transcript of records

Further information on the logistic fees payment process will be sent by email to successful candidates. All students accepted into the program must pay the logistic fee by April 13th 2011.

For cancellations made after April 13th, 2011 fees will not be refunded.

Additional costs

Students should expect to also pay the following amounts:

1. **\$110** Macquarie short term program application fee. For more information on this fee please visit <http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/shortterm/costs>
2. Tuition fee for the Residential unit at Macquarie
3. Airfare: \$2500-3000 (depending on time of booking)
4. Accommodation

How to Pay Relevant Fees

Application Fees (110 AUD) can be paid in two ways:

In person

EFTPOS and Credit Card payments can be made, in person, at the MiShop on Level 1 of building E3A. Please note that except in exceptional circumstances, it is not possible to make cash payments.

Online

Go to <http://www.international.mq.edu.au/mishop>
Select "Events for Exchange students" on the left-hand menu. Then, select the International Exchange Program Application Fee and add it to your cart to pay online.

Further application on the logistic fees payment process will be sent by email to successful candidates.

How to Apply

The application form is online at:

<https://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/>

You will be asked for:

- Your application type ("Student Exchange")
- Your personal details
- Your passport details

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- Emergency contact details
- Your current study details
- Your university preferences and the units you hope to study at those universities
- A supporting statement, i.e., why do you want to go on exchange and what qualities do you think you have that will make you a good choice for the exchange program?
- Contact details for two referees

Remember to click the 'Submit' button to submit your application.
It should take around 20 – 30 minutes to complete the application. You can log out and log back in to finish it at a later date if necessary, but please remember to submit it by the deadline.

Evaluation

Students will be required to complete an online evaluation for Macquarie International before grades from Russia can be transferred back to Macquarie. Students may also be required to undertake evaluations from St. Petersburg.

Deadline

Student applications are due to Macquarie International by the **25th March 2011**.

Notes for International Students

International students must still comply with Australian visa conditions for class attendance and pass rates whilst overseas – general requirements for international students, as dictated by the ESOS Act, must still be met.

For more information please visit
http://www.immi.gov.au/business-services/education-providers/third_country_exchanges.htm

International students are permitted to travel home before and/or after their program.

Further Information

Students should direct initial enquiries to: Carolina Rodriguez Overseas Study Adviser Building W6A, Room 212 Ph: +61 2 9850 7033 Fax: +61 2 9850 6057 Email: carolina.rodriguez@mq.edu.au Consultation hours: Mon -Tues –Thurs (From 10a.m. to 12p.m. and from 2p.m to 4 p.m.)	Dr. Marika Kalyuga Head of Russian Studies Building W6A, Room 230 Ph: +61 2 9850 7016 Fax: +61 2 9850 6057 Email: marika.kalyuga@mq.edu.au
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