SHORT RESIDENTIAL UNITS OVERSEAS – WINTER VACATION 2012

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

2nd July – 21st July 2012 (3 weeks)

Macquarie application deadline: Monday 19th March 2012

See also: http://russian4foreigners.com/node/189

Program description

The Center of Russian Language and Culture of St 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.

St 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 Russian courses during the mid-year break (July).

Students will gain credit towards their Macquarie award program and enhance their language skills through this language immersion program.

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

Student Profile

This program is specifically aimed at 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 (BIntStud/BA/DipLang). Only in exceptional circumstances will
students from other faculties who have been studying a language at Macquarie be permitted to participate, provided the credit they gain from the program can be applied to their degree.

**Places available**

A maximum of 10 Macquarie students can enrol in the relevant unit and participate in the course.

**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 completed 18 credit points towards their degree, with exceptions outlined below.
- Students must have 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 Joanna Rosenzweig joanna.rosenzweig@mq.edu.au to outline their case for consideration.
- Students must require credit points towards their MQ degree for their participation in this program.
- Priority will be given to students undertaking Russian as a compulsory unit in their degree ie. Student enrolled in a Bachelor of International Studies and students 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](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 non-award programs are not eligible to participate in the short term programs.

*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 (100 level credit).
- 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

Timing and Duration of Program

St Petersburg State University runs language classes for three months over the Russian summer, with classes starting each week.

Macquarie University students will participate in a three week program during July 2012. The program will begin on Monday 2nd July and end on Friday 20th July. Students must be present for the entirety of the course.

Accommodation

Students will have the choice of staying in dorm close to the University (self-catered, triple room, depending on availability) or with a Russian host family (single room including two meals a day).

Students will be responsible for paying accommodation fees directly to the dorm in Russian rubles within the first few days of their arrival to St Petersburg.

Successful students must provide a copy of their passport and confirm to Joanna Rosenzweig the tentative dates of arrival/ departure and the kind of accommodation required by April 2012.

Approximate accommodation fees are follows:

- Dorm: between 120 – 200 USD per week
- Host family: approximately 230 USD per week

Further information will be provided to students after acceptance into the program.

Note: An airport pick up service is provided by St.Petersburg State University (approximately $40 USD one way). Students may pay this fee upon arrival.

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 language unit at Macquarie according to their language level (RSN140, RSN240 or RSN340). All students must be enrolled into the unit to receive this credit. Standard tuition fees (HECS or full fee) for the enrollment are payable to Macquarie.

Please note the cost of enrollment at Macquarie is not included in the program logistics fee.

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

Grades will be recorded as “satisfactory” or “fail” and, provided students pass, will not affect their GPA.

Mobility Scholarships

Eligible students participating in the program will receive a Macquarie mobility scholarship.

Mobility scholarships are intended to assist students in participating in student mobility programs.

While the scholarships will assist in meeting program expenses, they are not intended to cover all costs and cannot be processed on demand. Grants are processed after the pre-departure session, close to the start date of the overseas program.

Applicants will need to be able to meet the costs of the program independently of the mobility scholarship.

Students do NOT need to apply for the mobility scholarship separately. Students accepted into the program will be automatically be eligible for the scholarship. Further details will be provided to successful applicants.

OS – Help

In the event that you should require additional financial assistance, the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) offers 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
Eligible students can collect hard copy OS-Help applications from Macquarie International, E3A, Level 1.

Please note that OS-Help applications are not guaranteed and students should not reply on this money as a source of funding for their program.

Successful applicants can expect to receive their payment on or close to the start of their overseas program. Payments cannot be processed on demand.

**Fees and Costs**

To apply to participate in the program, all students must submit an application to Macquarie International via the online application system.

There is an **application fee of $110** to apply for any short-term program. This fee must be received by the application deadline, and must be paid either in person at the MI Shop in Building E3A (payable by EFTPOS or credit card only), or online at the MI Shop webpage: [http://www.international.mq.edu.au/mishop/products/Stock.asp?c=16](http://www.international.mq.edu.au/mishop/products/Stock.asp?c=16)

Successful students will also be required to cover the following costs:

- **Logistics fee** to Macquarie (see below for an explanation of this fee)
- **Tuition fee** for the residential language unit at Macquarie
- **Airfare** (price subject to change depending on time of booking) Students must not purchase airfares or make travel arrangements until they have been formally accepted by St Petersburg State University.
- **Living expenses** for the duration of the program.
- **Accommodation** payable directly to dorm.

The logistic fee for the St Petersburg 2012 program is yet to be finalised. This will not be finalised until after students have applied and been accepted. The fee for the 2011 program was **$100**. Please note that the 2011 fee is a guideline only and is subject to change for 2012.

This logistics fee will include:

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

Further information on the logistics fee payment process will be provided to successful candidates.
Please also note that the logistics and accommodation fees are estimates. The final fee could change according to the exchange rate.

**Note:** The deadline for payment will most likely be in early April 2012. For cancellations made after mid-April (final date to be confirmed) the fee will not be refunded.

### How to Pay Relevant Fees

The Macquarie application fee (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](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/](https://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/)

You will be asked for:

- Your application type ("Short Term Exchange")
- Your personal details
- 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 St. Petersburg can be transferred back to Macquarie. Students may also be required to undertake evaluations from St. Petersburg.

Application deadline

Student applications are due to Macquarie International by **Monday 19\(^{th}\) March 2012**.

Important note about Russian visas

St. Petersburg may take between four and eight weeks to send the invitation letters to successful students. After the letter of invitation is received, students will be required to apply for their visa directly to the Russian Embassy at Canberra. Please note that this can be a lengthy process. Upon receiving their invitation letters, students are advised to prepare their visa applications immediately.

For further information on the visa process please visit the Embassy of Russia website [http://canberra.rusembassy.org/](http://canberra.rusembassy.org/)

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.


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

It is recommended that international students check with the Russian Embassy or Consulate whether a visa is required for their stay in Russia.
Further Information

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