HOLY CROSS SUMMER (MAYMESTER) PROGRAM 2020
MOSCOW, RUSSIA
Russian State University for the Humanities (RGGU)

Intensive Elementary Russian Language—No Previous Russian Required


PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The Holy Cross Summer Program in Moscow runs for six weeks, usually from early-June to mid-July at the Russian State University for the Humanities (RGGU). RGGU is a top-flight university located near the vibrant center of Moscow. The city’s rich cultural and historical destinations are easily accessible on foot or by Moscow’s celebrated metro system. The Moscow program offers students the opportunity to jumpstart their Russian language skills while they immerse themselves in the everyday life, the arts and culture, and the history and political life of today’s Russia. Students complete the first year of Russian language in six weeks and fulfill one (of two) common area language requirements.

Again, this Maymester Russian language class covers the entire first year of Russian. It is intense but exciting and very manageable. Language study is enhanced by field trips to theaters, museums and churches, along with longer excursions outside the city to areas of interest such as historic monasteries, Golden Ring towns, and the museum-homes of Russia’s greatest writers. Students will also visit St. Petersburg and the medieval town of Suzdal.

CREDIT: The program will count as one Holy Cross credit. The course counts as one (of two) common area language requirements. Upon return to Holy Cross, students take Russian 201 to complete their language requirement and continue with Russian language and culture.

HOUSING and MEALS: In Moscow, students will live either in RGGU dormitories or in airbnb-style apartments. There are kitchens on each floor of the dormitories and apartments and meals are self-catered. Prices in the university cafeteria are reasonable for home-style meals; additional snack shops are located throughout the campus.

COSTS: The estimated cost of the six-week program is approximately $8,000. The price includes round-trip flight or round-trip flight credit (amount of credit is TBD), visa, tuition, housing, museum passes, tickets to cultural events and course-related excursions. NOT INCLUDED: transportation to and from Boston’s Logan airport, personal expenses, meals. Students should expect to spend a minimum of $800 on food and groceries. Very limited financial aid is available for this program.

INFORMATION SESSION: Monday, September 30, 2019 at 5:00 pm in Stein 133

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, November 15, 2019 via the online application system at https://sa.holycross.edu

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