Course Descriptions

St. Petersburg, Russia

2008 July 4-Week (Russian Language & Cultural Studies)

The following is a list of courses and/or subject areas that have been offered in the past by the host institution. Please note foreign institutions do not usually finalize course listings until the beginning of the academic year. This list will be updated online as the host institution provides additional information.

2008 July

Course Requirement Summary		
Level	**Sem. Credits**	**Course Structure**
All Levels	6	1 Russian Language Course 1 Culture Course

All Levels - Total Possible Credit(s): 6

1 Russian Language Course

Course Title: Advanced Russian
Recommended Sem Credits: 3 **Contact Hours:** 48
Level(s) 300
Instruction in: Russian
Primary Subject Area: Russian Language & Literature
CEA Partner Institution: St. Petersburg Polytechnic University
Description:
Students in this course will focus on improving oral fluency and written composition. The course includes an in-depth study of the Russian language through tenses, moods, syntax and use of language types (informal, colloquial, refined). It also stresses structural exercises in vocabulary, grammar, composition and textual analysis. The class will evaluate various current events in order to have a better understanding of Russia. Aspect methods are used widely.

Course Title: Elementary Russian
Recommended Sem Credits: 3 **Contact Hours:** 48
Level(s) 100
Instruction in: English
Primary Subject Area: Russian Language & Literature
CEA Partner Institution: St. Petersburg Polytechnic University
Description:
This course is designed for students with little or no previous formal Russian language instruction. Students will focus on developing comprehension and written expression using diverse means such as audio-visual, speaking exercises and listening comprehension. Upon completion of this course, students will take a written and an oral exam to assess their work. The aim of the course is to allow students to acquire a certain command of written and spoken Russian.

Course Title: Elementary Russian
Recommended Sem Credits: 3 **Contact Hours:** 48
Level(s) 100
Instruction in: Russian
Primary Subject Area: Russian Language & Literature
CEA Partner Institution: St. Petersburg Polytechnic University

Description:

This course is designed for students with little or no previous formal Russian language instruction. Students will focus on developing comprehension and written expression using diverse means such as audio-visual, speaking exercises and listening comprehension. Upon completion of this course, students will take a written and an oral exam to assess their work. The aim of the course is to allow students to acquire a certain command of written and spoken Russian.

Course Title: Intermediate Russian
Recommended Sem Credits: 3 **Contact Hours:** 48
Level(s) 200
Instruction in: English
Primary Subject Area: Russian Language & Literature
CEA Partner Institution: St. Petersburg Polytechnic University
Description:

The aim of this course is to help students acquire strong vocabulary skills, an excellent knowledge of grammatical structures and a solid foundation in morphology. Emphasis is placed on written and oral expression, especially the discussion and analysis of class readings. Aspect methods are used.

Course Title: Intermediate Russian
Recommended Sem Credits: 3 **Contact Hours:** 48
Level(s) 200
Instruction in: Russian
Primary Subject Area: Russian Language & Literature
CEA Partner Institution: St. Petersburg Polytechnic University
Description:

The aim of this course is to help students acquire strong vocabulary skills, an excellent knowledge of grammatical structures and a solid foundation in morphology. Emphasis is placed on written and oral expression, especially the discussion and analysis of class readings. Aspect methods are used.

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1 Culture Course

Course Title: Russian Culture
Recommended Sem Credits: 3 **Contact Hours:** 48
Level(s) 100
Instruction in: English
Primary Subject Area: Cultural Studies
CEA Partner Institution: St. Petersburg Polytechnic University
Description:

Students examine major developments in Russian culture that have shaped Russian civilization throughout the past millennium, using literary texts, music, film, visual arts and historical works. Special emphasis is on the architecture of St. Petersburg, Moscow, and the ancient city of Pushkin; Russian painting, including icon painting; Russian folk and classical music; the "Golden Age" of Russian literature (Pushkin, Gogol and Dostoevsky); the "Silver Age" of Russian poetry (Akhmatova, Blok, Pasternak). The final part of this course focuses on contemporary Russian life with an overview of the major events characterizing Russia's transition to democracy and a market economy. Lectures are held two afternoons a week for a total of 16 hours. Course-related site visits and excursions are held three or four afternoons per week for a total of 32 hours and will include visits to palaces, museums, churches, and other important cultural and historical sites in St. Petersburg. A weekend excursion to Moscow is included. Lectures, site-visits and excursions are conducted in English.