

Dostoevsky Omsk State University
Course Syllabus
Summer School of Siberian Culture Studies in August

Course Information

Duration: 1 – 16 August, 2019

Target group: International students who would like to learn Russian or those who are willing to improve their Russian language skills

ECTS points: Russian Language School Certificate (4 ECTS)

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School Attributes

The manner in which we prepare students at Dostoevsky Omsk State University is informed by three attributes:

- (1) Experienced language **teaching professionals** (certified teachers of Russian as a Foreign Language) who will do their best to make the whole process of learning Russian enjoyable;
- (2) A high level of **supervision from organizers**, developing positive relationships between and among organizers and participants;
- (3) **Dostoevsky OmSU volunteers** will also spend three weeks with international students accompanying them to events, offer friendship, emotional support, and practical help.

Course Description:

Summer School of Siberian Culture Studies in August is an intensive culture and language program and is designed to immerse international students in Russian language through class instruction in the mornings, a program of cultural studies in the afternoons, after-class social program in the evenings as well as trips on weekends. The program gives an exciting opportunity to study Russian language and Siberian culture in one of the most spectacular places in Russia – in Siberia, where the rich cultural heritage of Siberian natives is maintained in the present. The course contains two components (cultural and linguistic) and covers a balance of language skills (speaking, listening, reading, and writing), grammar at an appropriate level from beginner to advanced and includes 144 academic hours of tuition, extra-curriculum and cultural activities.

Student Evaluation

Participants' progress is assessed on an ongoing basis through homework, assignments and performance in class; they receive verbal feedback from their teachers on every lesson and written feedback with their homework.

Attendance Policy

Regular and prompt class attendance is an essential part of the educational experience. All students are expected to attend every scheduled class on time. Exceptions may be made for illness and valid emergencies.

Methodology

A combination of lecture, class discussion, presentations, project work, videos, cooperative learning, and problem-based learning will be used in this course. Below is an overview of three main components for this course.

Table 1 Russian language course for beginners and elementary levels

This course focuses on six language skills: Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking and Vocabulary

#	Language skill	Topics
1	Speaking	- pronunciation rules, alphabet; - communication in different spheres of human life
2	Listening	- understanding real life situations, listening for general meaning, details, pronunciation, stress and intonation
3	Reading	- understanding story sequence; - understanding authentic writing
4	Writing	- organizing writing using a range of styles; - writing formal and informal letters and e-mails
5	Grammar	- verb tenses; - kinds of sentences, cases of nouns
6	Vocabulary	- introducing yourself, bio: childhood, study, work, hobbies; my family, my friends; - my day, my spare time, leisure, hobbies; - foreign language study; - traveling; - transportation; - seeing a doctor; - shopping, souvenirs; - humor; - my native city, capital.
7	Final Presentation	a powerpoint on topic "My Omsk"

Table 2 Russian language course for intermediate and upper-Intermediate levels

This course focuses on six language skills: Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking and Vocabulary



#	Language skill	Topics
1	Speaking	- delivering oral presentations; - expressing opinions, explaining, suggesting, speculating; - communicating in professional environment
2	Listening	- understanding lectures and tutorials; - following presentations




#	Language skill	Topics
3	Reading	- identifying text types; - scanning and skimming
4	Writing	- describing and comparing graphs and tables; - writing a summary, report and essay; - recognizing levels of formality
5	Grammar	- word building models; - understanding choice of tense; - impersonal style and passive constructions
6	Vocabulary	- study of texts on specific topics that contain the vocabulary for these levels of proficiency, idioms
7	Final presentation	a powerpoint on topic “My Omsk”




Table 3 Lectures of cultural and academic interest conducted in both English and Russian


#	Topics
1	Omsk in the context of Russian history
2	Relations between “small c” culture and language
3	Traditional folk performance of Omsk Priirtyshie
4	Peoples and nations of Russia
5	Features of the Russian national character
6	Problems of Russian culture self-determination
7	Why is Ivan the Fool always lucky or enigmatic “Russian soul”?;
8	Biography and creative works of Alexander Pushkin
9	“The walking lecture” in Nature park Birds harbour about the Omsk environment and birds’ migration
10	Cultural identity and values in diversity

Table 4 Social and cultural program

#	Social and cultural activity	Description	Picture
1	Downtown Omsk Walking tour and the Irtysh river cruise	Participants will discover in the city of Omsk numerous historical and architectural tourist attractions.	
2	Dostoevsky State Museum of Literature and Omsk Fortress	Participants will find out more about a famous Russian writer Fyodor Dostoevsky and his time in Omsk. In 1983 Dostoevsky Literary Museum was opened in this building. Its exposition features a history of the creation and development of literary traditions in Western Siberia since the 18th century. It is devoted to the life and works of Fyodor Dostoevsky.	
3	Historical and Cultural Complex “Starina Sibirskaya” (Olden times of Siberia)	This complex is located in Bolsherechye settlement 200 km. From Omsk. In these objects there are museum expositions that characterize the traditional life of the Siberian village, interactive workshops and folklore groups.	

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4	Historical Park Russia - My History. Omsk	The only Multimedia Art Museum in Russia that represents the entire history of our country from ancient times up to the present day.	
5	The natural park “Bird Harbor”	Participants will learn about the Omsk environment and birds’ migration in our region, explore the park and also get acquainted with some of the complex issues involved in ecological system of Omsk, develop a greater understanding of the environment.	
6	Omsk regional M.A. Vrubel museum of fine arts	Omsk regional M.A. Vrubel museum of fine arts was established in 1924. Its collection contains over 25,000 items, the most part of which is of global importance.	

#	Social and cultural activity	Description	Picture
7	Siberian Cultural Center “Terem”	Participants will learn more about traditional Russian shawls and scarves, as well as the story behind them.	
8	Achairsky Convent	History of the convent is dark and dramatic. It goes back to the end of 19th century. During soviet time there was one of the worst camps in the USSR (colony No. 8 Gulag), no remains of the camp left.	
9	Omsk Museum of Kondraty Belov	House-Museum of Kondraty Belov is located in one of the most beautiful buildings of wooden architecture of the early 20th century. The excursion will be concluded with some tea-drinking with Siberian pies.	

#	Social and cultural activity	Description	Picture
10	Oil refinery	One of the most modern refineries in Russia and one of the largest in the world. The installed capacity of the plant is 20.89 million tons of oil per year.	 <p>A group of approximately 20 people, including men and women in casual summer clothing and some wearing hard hats, are posing for a group photo. They are standing in front of a large, bright blue banner. The banner features the Gazprom logo (a stylized flame) and the text 'ГАЗПРОМ НЕФТЬ' in white. Below the logo, there is Russian text: 'УСТАНОВКА ГИДРООЧИСТКИ БЕНЗИНОВ КАТАЛИТИЧЕСКОГО КРЕКИНГА'. The background shows industrial structures of an oil refinery under a clear sky.</p>