Program Goals

RUSSIA is the largest country in the world and one of the most important. It has vast reserves of natural resources, is one of the up-and-coming BRIC nations, plays a critical political and military role in world events, and is a vital part of the economies in Eurasia. It is not surprising that the US government has classified Russian as a critical-needs language vital for national security interests.

Russia also has a rich culture that has produced many of the world's greatest writers, thinkers, composers, artists, and scientists, many of whom lived and worked in its second-largest city, St. Petersburg. Once the home of the tsars, the Russian Revolution took place here in 1917, ushering in the Soviet period. Thirty-four years later the city was besieged by the Nazis; over one million people perished during the 900-day blockade. Today St. Petersburg is the destination of tourists and students who want to visit the city's many churches, palaces, museums, parks, restaurants, and cafes, or just stroll the streets along the city’s numerous canals.

The WSU Russian Study Abroad program is a four-week trip in June to St. Petersburg through SRAS. Students receive 80 hours of language instruction at the St. Petersburg State University of Economics. The trip also includes extensive cultural excursions in and around St. Petersburg, as well as a weekend in the Russian capital, Moscow.

Academics

RUS 3990 1-3 credits
RUS 2710 (FC) 3 credits
Russian language credit Based on placement

*Registering for a WSU course is not required.

Costs

$3395, which includes accommodations in a dorm, language classes, excursions, transportation and lodging for trips, visa support and processing, and international insurance. Most meals, airfare, and registration fees for WSU courses are not included.