

## Fall 2020 Online Program

### **EURASIAN REGIONAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM**

In addition to its overseas Eurasian Regional Language Program (ERLP), American Councils is pleased to offer the ERLP spring 2021 coursework by way of distance learning. Students will attend daily, remote language instruction, meet with virtual conversation partners, and take part in a variety of virtual cultural activities.

#### ***Language Offerings***

- Dari – teachers based in Dushanbe, Tajikistan
- Farsi – teachers based in Dushanbe, Tajikistan
- Georgian– teachers based in Tbilisi, Georgia
- Romanian – teachers based in Chisinau, Moldova
- Tajiki – teachers based in Dushanbe, Tajikistan
- Uzbek – teachers based in Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Participants on the program also have the option to split their language instruction hours between their selected target language and Russian or another language offered at their program site. Language instruction is split either 50%-50% between the two languages or as 75% target language – 25% additional language. Participants interested in this option should let the program coordinator know by email.

#### ***Academic Structure Overview***

The academic program will feature daily online (synchronous and asynchronous) instruction that focuses on developing language skills in speaking, reading, listening, grammar, and writing. Participants will also complete regular assignments outside of class that expand upon the activities covered in online classes.

Instruction will be twelve academic hours per week, with class sizes of one to four students depending on language level. Participants can expect at least two hours per day of live, synchronous instruction conducted Monday through Friday. Additional academic hours will be delivered in an asynchronous (recorded) format.

American Councils will administer pre- and post-program testing with an Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) to measure participants' language gains.

#### ***Conversation Partners***

To provide opportunities for informal target language practice and connections with locals, participants will be paired with conversation partners. Participants and their conversation partners will meet remotely for approximately two hours per week to provide additional contact hours in the target language throughout the semester.

#### ***Cultural Activities***

American Councils will arrange virtual cultural activities and excursions to places of historical and cultural importance throughout the host country. The virtual activities and excursions will be conducted in the target language by local alumni and staff, and participants will be given the opportunity to ask questions as the virtual excursion is taking place. The guide will also share different aspects of local culture or traditions in order to increase cultural understanding on a local level.



Potential virtual activities include: host family visits, tours of city sights and local museums, cooking lessons, music and dance lessons, holiday celebrations, discussion groups with local students.

### ***Total Contact Hours***

Combining the academic program, conversation partners, and virtual activities and excursions, participants will have a total of 240 contact hours in the target language.

### ***Academic Credit***

Upon successful completion of the online program, participants will receive full academic credit equivalent to 16 undergraduate credit hours or 15 graduate credit hours from Bryn Mawr College.

### ***Time Difference***

As teachers are based overseas, American Councils will work with each student on an academic schedule. Classes and activities will be scheduled to find an agreeable and reasonable time for both participants and teachers. American Councils will request information about your time zone for the online program during the acceptance process.

### ***Dates***

Classes will start on **Monday, February 1, 2021** and continue through **Friday, May 14, 2021**.

### ***Cost***

The Eurasian Regional Language Program Spring 2021 online program fee is **\$7,600**.

### ***Financial Aid***

American Councils has several scholarships available for students applying to the ERLP Fall 2020 Online Program. Applicants can apply for financial aid in the program application.

### ***To Apply***

Applications will be accepted through **Monday, December 28, 2020**. Please visit our [online application portal](#) to begin the application process.

### ***Questions?***

Please direct any questions about the Spring 2021 online Eurasian Regional Language Program to Vladka Shikova ([shikova@americancouncils.org](mailto:shikova@americancouncils.org)).