

Spring 2021 Online Program

ADVANCED RUSSIAN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES RLASP PROGRAM

In addition to its overseas Advanced Russian Language and Area Studies Program (RLASP), American Councils is pleased to offer the RLASP 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.

Faculty

Native speaking teachers from Russia and Eastern Europe

Academic Structure Overview

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

Live instruction is approximately 14 academic hours per week, with class sizes of two to six students depending on language level. Participants can expect at least two hours per day of synchronous instruction conducted Monday through Friday. Additional academic hours per week 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 Russian language practice and connections with locals, participants are paired with conversation partners. Participants and their conversation partners meet remotely for approximately an hour every week to provide additional contact hours in Russian throughout the semester.

Cultural Activities

American Councils will arrange virtual cultural activities and excursions to places of historical and cultural importance throughout Russia. The virtual activities and excursions are conducted in Russian by local alumni and staff, who share different aspects of local culture or traditions in order to increase cultural understanding on a local level.

Potential virtual activities: 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 Russian.

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, classes and activities are scheduled to find an agreeable and reasonable time for both participants and teachers. American Councils will request information about your time zone for the fall online program during the acceptance process

Dates

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

Cost

The RLASP Spring 2021 online program fee is **\$7,600**.

Financial Aid

American Councils has several scholarships available for students applying to the RLASP Spring 2021 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 RLASP Spring 2021 online program to Chris Muller (cmuller@americancouncils.org).