

Nevsky Institute of Language and Culture

Russia

The University

The Nevsky Institute of Language and Culture is a private, non-government educational institution. The Institute has four departments: Linguistics and Intercultural Communication, Public Relations, Economics, and Russian Studies. It is located in the center of St. Petersburg and is a five-minute walk from the nearest subway station. Most of the professors speak English and have experience teaching Russian as a second language in western universities. <http://eng.niyak.spb.ru/>

The City

The Nevsky Institute of Russian Language and Culture is located in Russia's second largest city, St. Petersburg. Known as Leningrad for much of the twentieth century, St. Petersburg is situated on the Neva River, by the shore of the Baltic Sea. The city was founded by Peter the Great in 1703 and served as the capital of The Russian Empire until 1918. Because of its many canals and islands, Petersburg has often been referred to as the Venice of the North. It was and still is Russia's biggest seaport with easy access to Finland, Sweden and Denmark. St. Petersburg is one of Russia's most beautiful cities; its architectural splendors have often been celebrated in literature, music, and painting.

Peter the Great referred to St. Petersburg as his 'Window to Europe,' and its inhabitants pride themselves in being more 'westernized' than the rest of Russia. The Russian spoken there is considered to be particularly cultivated and beautiful.

Due to St. Petersburg's extreme northern location, summer days called "white nights" never really end, while winter nights are long. Winters in St. Petersburg are relatively mild by Russian standards and summers are fairly warm. (February average 18°, July average 63.5°.)

<http://www.stpete.org/>

About the Program

Exchange students can study for a single semester or a full academic year.

http://eng.niyak.spb.ru/international_life/exchange/index.phtml

Academic Calendar

Fall Semester: September – December

Spring Semester: January - May

Am I eligible for this program?

You must have a 2.5 Combined Retained GPA. Student must have four semesters of Russian.

What could I study?

All exchange students take one 4 hour Russian language course (Russian as a Second Language). Each student is paired with a Russian student from Nevsky for weekly tutoring sessions. Students choose three other courses which they take together with Russian students. The

courses could be from any of the three Nevsky departments: Public Relations, Linguistics and Intercultural Communication, Economics. Popular courses are: Russian History, Russian Literature, Politics and Intercultural Communication. Instructors provide exchange students with additional assistance and course materials. Students are allowed to take Arts, Theater, Dance and Music courses which are part of the Nevsky Certificate Program and are usually offered in the afternoon.

http://eng.niyak.spb.ru/study_programs/index.phtml

What about academic credit?

Grades received on reciprocal exchange study abroad programs through the University of Oklahoma are posted by the Office of Admissions as Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U) on the OU permanent record. These grades are not factored into the participant's Grade Point Average. Because each student is enrolled in 12 credits per semester while abroad, participants are expected to enroll in an equivalent number of credits at the host university. Academic systems around the world vary in what equals 12 OU credits. The decision about awarding credits is made in the Office of Admissions at OU.

Where would I live?

Students stay with host families. Students are provided with a single room, two meals per day during the week and three meals per day on the weekend.

How much does it cost?

Costs at OU: All students participating on semester or academic year reciprocal exchange programs are enrolled at OU for 12 credits each semester abroad. Tuition and fees are billed through and paid directly to OU at the appropriate resident or non-resident rate. Fees are charged at the Arts and Sciences College rate, even if the student's major is in a different college. All participants pay a \$10/credit hour study abroad fee.

There is a \$35 non-refundable application fee for study abroad.

Below are cost estimates for Nevsky Institute:

Homestay: 510 rubles a day, approx. \$21/day

International Student Fee: 1300 rubles, approx \$53

Exchange Student Fee: 600 rubles, approx \$24

Housing Application Fee: 750 rubles, approx. \$30

How do I apply?

Instructions for applying to any semester or academic year exchange program may be found on our website.

For more information, please contact:

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