

CARLETON COLLEGE MOSCOW AND BEYOND: RUSSIAN SEMINAR IN MOSCOW

Spring 2012

PROGRAM DATES

The Program will take place during spring of 2012 and will roughly correspond to the Carleton term.

DIRECTOR

Diane Nemec Ignashev, Professor of Russian

Diane Nemec Ignashev teaches Russian language, as well as Russian culture and theories of culture, and her current research focuses on Russian film, Gulag fiction, and the life and work of poet Marina Tsvetaeva. She has lived and worked in Russia for many years, and the 2012 Moscow program is her sixteenth academic tour to Russia since 1988.

PREREQUISITES

Students with sophomore, junior, or senior status during 2011-2012 academic year who will have completed at least two terms of Russian (101–102) at Carleton, or the equivalent, by the end of winter term 2011 are encouraged to apply.

COURSE OF STUDY, 18 CREDITS

All courses apply toward the Certificate of Advanced Study in Russian as well as toward the Russian Studies Concentration and the major in Russian. The applicability of credit may differ for individual students depending on level and categories within the major and concentration to be fulfilled. You are advised to consult with the department. All students will register for 9 credits of language courses,

which meet from six to nine periods per week and are taught by members of the Philological Faculty of Moscow State University. Students at all levels of Russian experience will also register for a spring break reading course prior to the seminar as well as for the “Russia: East and West” course.

RUSSIAN 290-17: READING FOR RUSSIA (3 credits)

Over the spring break students will read works related to the seminar courses of study and excursions. Discussion and an examination on the reading will occur in the beginning of the spring term.

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RUSSIAN 227: Russia: East and West (6 credits, RAD)

Students will read non-fiction and fiction that explores and illuminates Russia's dual identity as European and Asian. Literary readings will include fairy tales, saints' lives, and short prose and poetry by Pushkin, Gogol, Dostoevsky, Rasputin, Vampilov, and others. Through readings, excursions, and travel in European and Asian Russia students will place the readings in the large cultural context of contemporary Russian, both historical and contemporary. The evaluative exercise for this course will include a project and/or a final examination.

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STUDENTS CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING BLOCKS:

RUSSIAN 307-07 ADVANCED GRAMMAR: 4 credits

RUSSIAN 308-07: ADVANCED PHONETICS AND INTONATION: 2 credits

RUSSIAN 309-07 ADVANCED COMPOSITION: 3 credits

These three courses combine advanced work in Russian grammar, composition, and phonetics. Conversational Russian will be practiced throughout the homestay environment as well as in meetings with Russian students. Students who register at this level will have completed at least 6 credits beyond Russian 205 and/or 206 and may already have studied in Russia.

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INTERMEDIATE LANGUAGE BLOCK

RUSSIAN 207-07: INTERMEDIATE GRAMMAR: 4 credits

RUSSIAN 208-07: INTERMEDIATE PHONETICS: 2 credits

RUSSIAN 209-07: INTERMEDIATE CONVERSATION: 3 credits

These courses are for students at the intermediate level who have completed Russian 205 and/or 206. Focus at this level will be on vocabulary enrichment, grammar, and phonetics. Conversational Russian in class will be supplemented throughout the homestay environment as well as in meetings with Russian students.

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BEGINNING LANGUAGE BLOCK

RUSSIAN 107-07: BEGINNING GRAMMAR: 4 credits

RUSSIAN 108-07: BEGINNING PHONETICS: 2 credits

RUSSIAN 109-07: BEGINNING CONVERSATION: 3 credits

These courses are for students who have just recently begun their study of the Russian language, having completed or tested beyond elementary Russian 102. At this level students work on a combination of grammar, conversation practice, reading, and phonetics.

HERITAGE STUDENTS

Heritage Students will do a combination of language study and independent study in a field of their choice in addition to Russian 227.

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

Students will reside with host families located throughout the city of Moscow with ready access to public transportation. Families, screened by Carleton staff members, will provide students breakfast and supper daily. Students will lunch on their own with an allowance provided by the program. The program will provide transit passes valid on all forms of mass transportation within the city of Moscow.

TRAVEL AND EXCURSIONS

Barring unanticipated changes in visa regulations or radical fluctuations in the Russian economy, we will travel by train to St. Petersburg for 4-5 days over the

traditional May 1-May 9 holidays. If time and finances allow, towards the end of the term (approximately May 18-28) we will travel to the Eastern and Western shores of the Lake Baikal region, including the Republic of Buryatia, on the border with Mongolia. In addition, course work within Moscow will be supplemented by travel in and around the city's suburbs. Students who intend to travel in Russia after the program's completion should be advised that their visa will be valid for ninety days beyond the day of our arrival; at the time of this writing, visa extensions are very difficult (read: impossible) to obtain, unless you are willing to register (for reasonable tuition rates) as a summer-school student with our Moscow State University affiliate.

EXPENSES

Students pay the 2011-2012 Carleton comprehensive fee, which covers the costs of instruction, room, board, public transportation in Moscow, tickets and admissions, program travel, and social events. Students are responsible for the cost of books and printing, personal expenses, transportation to and from Moscow, and personal travel during the seminar. Estimates for expenses beyond plane fare run from \$250 to \$500. Student financial aid is applicable as on campus. See the Off-Campus Studies website at <http://go.carleton.edu/ocs> for further information regarding work contracts, loans, and other financial aid issues.

INFORMATION MEETING

There will be an information meeting Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2011 at 4.30 pm, LDC 104.

APPLICATIONS

Application forms are available from the Office of Off-Campus Studies, Leighton 119 or online at <http://go.carleton.edu/ocs>.

Applications must be submitted by April 15, 2011 to Mary Tatge, Administrative Assistant to Modern Languages Department, LDC 340.

Interviews will be conducted and decisions regarding acceptance will be completed by mid-May. A few spaces will be reserved for a second round of recruiting to be held in the fall term.

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