



Russian Language Program for Students at the University of Washington
Russian in the 21st Century: Language, Drama, and STEM

July 18-August 12, 2011 | <http://depts.washington.edu/startalk/>

Dear High School and College Students,

How would you like to spend four intensive, challenging weeks expanding your skills in Russian language at the University of Washington this summer? What if it only cost you \$39 to register and you could earn 5 college credits of RUSS 499 (UW credits)?

Sound interesting? Then, come join us at the first UW STARTALK Russian Student Program: *Russian in the 21st Century: Language, Drama, and STEM!*

When: July 18-August 12, 2011

(classes meet 5 days a week from 9:00-3:00 with an hour for lunch)

Where: [University of Washington Language Learning Center](#) in Denny Hall (Seattle, WA)

Who: High school and college students who already have basic skills in speaking, reading, writing, and understanding Russian.

(For example, maybe you speak Russian at home, attend a Russian community language program, or have studied 2 or more years in high school.)

How you'll benefit

Besides increasing your speaking, reading, writing, and listening skills in Russian, you will be able to:

- Earn 5 college credits of RUSS 499 (UW credits) (*oh, we already told you that...*)
- Get your official proficiency test results on the nationally recognized ACTFL OPIc and WPT tests
(American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages Oral Proficiency Interview computer-based and Writing Proficiency Test – check out: <http://www.languagetesting.com/>)
- Receive a certificate of recognition from the State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction and a letter recommending you for competency-based credits for high school world language credits (if you're a high school student)

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What will be special?

Several powerful components will be woven into this program, including content-based learning in the Arts (Drama) as well as STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). In the drama component you'll be exposed to the rich drama heritage of Russian culture and get the tools to express yourself in sophisticated new ways. You will get to participate in holistic experiential learning of Russian language and culture while preparing a public stage production and even mastering some professional acting techniques. The STEM-based lessons will prepare you for the culminating trip to the Museum of Flight, where you will be able to use Russian as you participate in the three program components of the [Aviation Learning Center: The Learning Laboratory, The Hangar, and The Simulation Bay](#). During the four weeks, Russian-speaking professionals at Microsoft, Boeing, the UW, and a local Russian newspaper printing company will share their disciplines with you and you will learn cool new technology for interactive communications on the web.

Why participate?

Our goal is to inspire you to consider pursuing a major or double degree in Russian Language and another university major when you go to college and to encourage you to make improving your language skills in Russian a life-long pursuit.

How much will it cost?

The summer quarter registration fee is \$39. You'll mail a check to the UW STARTALK Program to reserve your spot (to be submitted after you receive notice of acceptance in the program).

Where do I sign up?

To request an application packet, please email startalk@uw.edu the following information:

- Your contact information (full name, phone number(s), email)
(If you are under 18, please also include a parent's name, phone numbers, and email.)
- Grade in school or year in college
- Name of school and city where it is located
- Brief description of your background with Russian language and culture
- Three ways you'd like to improve your Russian language skills this summer

Applications will be due **May 31, 2011**, but we will continue accepting them until all spots are filled.

Note: The UW Russian STARTALK program does not provide housing for students. We are working with the local Russian community to possibly help host out-of-town students.

FOR MORE INFORMATION about the 2011 STARTALK Student and Teacher Programs at the UW:

Visit: <http://depts.washington.edu/startalk/> or email startalk@uw.edu.

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