

STARTALK Russian Student Program at the University of Washington



The STARTALK Student Program, "Russian in the Sky and in Outer Space," aims to enroll 20 high school Russian heritage language students in a four-week intensive language program. The program combines the history of the most important events of space exploration with that of aircraft design and the language of science and technology. A content-based component STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) is woven into this program through a partnership with the Museum of Flight. Students' various interests are further addressed by a range of projects above and beyond the STEM topics.

Highlights:

- 5 UW credits by enrolling in RUSS 499 through the Slavic Department
- 100 hours of total instructional content with emphasis on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)
- Scholarship Assistance for ACTFL OPIc (Oral Proficiency Interview computer-based) and WPT (Writing Proficiency Test), and the possibility for high school students to earn up to 4 competency-based credits for high school world languages
- Increased linguistic accuracy and sensitivity to cultural norms
- Two exciting trips to the Museum of Flight: the Aviation Learning Center and the Challenger Learning Center
- Meetings with Russian professionals from Microsoft and Boeing
- Elective Projects beyond STEM topics
- Friday movies and games

Goals of the Program

- to sharpen and expand students' use of formal Russian language beyond intimate family speech
- to strengthen students' reading, writing, speaking and listening ability, especially in formal Russian language in varied disciplines
- to prepare students to take their Russia language skills out into the Russian community and the world

July 11 - August 5, 2016 from 9:00am to 3:00pm (weekdays only)
at the University of Washington Language Learning Center in Condon Hall.

UW Summer Quarter Registration Fee for the four-week Student Program: \$45
(Pending funding)

