

Intensive Russian for Teachers and Educators using Russian as a Foreign Language

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Course ref: EPR1

Intensive Russian Language

EPR 1.1: 1 week
EPR 1.2: 2 weeks

Entry level:

Minimum level of Russian CEFR AO

Language of Tuition

Russian

Course Intensity

25 lessons per week

Total Course Contact Hours:

1 week: 20.8 hours 2 weeks: 41.6 hours

Max class size: 12

Course Provider:

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Shadows Professional Development OID E10070815 This course is recommended for non-native speakers of Russian wishing to improve their language skills at any level.

The course is suitable for:

- Teachers teaching Russian as a Foreign Language in any kind of educational institution and for non-teaching educational staff.
- Staff needing to work on projects/exchange programmes/committees with an international dimension.
- Those who need to liaise with Russian-speaking colleagues, peers or parents.

Objectives:

- To develop Russian language skills as well as to improve confidence through communication and a deeper understanding of grammar.
- To deliver key language and communication skills to those working or planning to work with Russian in educational, social and vocational contexts.
- To develop participants' competences in Russian, conversational topics are complemented with the appropriate grammar structures, while the grammatical part of the course progresses gradually from basic concepts to more complex aspects in a psychologically logical order.
- To improve overall Russian language competence and an ultimate grammar confidence both as a speaker and instructor to be able to teach and communicate in Russian more efficiently.

Preparation: Pre-Course

- Needs Analysis
- Online resources for pre-course, arrival and cultural information
- Online language level assessment
- Pre-Course Practical Arrangements

Practical Arrangements: Intra-Course: Modalities offered by the Course Provider

- Course Tutor
- Pedagogic Learning Materials Included
- Setting of learning objectives
- Ongoing assessment and evaluation including feedback on progress
- Guidance and advice on homework exercises
- Optional additional language workshops
- Pastoral Care, 24 hr Emergency Number
- Accommodation Service
- City orientation tour and welcome activity
- Optional Cultural Activities and Visits

Follow up provided: Post-Course

- End of course test and programme evaluation
- Linguistic Profile based on Common European Framework of Reference
- A Certificate of Attendance
- Europass Mobility
- Opportunities for continued on-line learning and consolidation

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Course Topics

Russian Grammar Intensive

A structured introduction to the Russian grammar system, its sections, etymology, current trends and potential future development as well as the ways to explain and introduce the main concept to others.

Verbs of Motion without prefixes

This topic targets participants' comprehension of one of the most complex parts of Russian grammar. The course boosts participants' own competence and provides insights on how to explain this difficult but important grammar to others.

Verbs of Motion with prefixes

An understanding of verbs of motion with prefixes takes a Russian learner to another level of language competence. These verbs form a significant and complex layer in Russian grammar that stretches to other sections. These sessions explore the subject and give practical advice on how to present, structure, and explain this grammar.

Verbal Government

Verbal government is a cornerstone of Russian syntax. Participants' own skills are developed through an in-depth comparative analysis.

Verbal Aspects

If a foreigner ever masters the verbal aspects he is considered absolutely fluent in Russian. This section of Russian grammar poses the biggest problem for students of all nationalities at any level of Russian. The lessons offer a systematic approach to explaining and implementing these skills, and as an outcome the participants have a clear structured system of verbal aspects.

Difficult Cases of Russian Grammar Culture

The topic presents and explains the most complex and difficult cases of Russian grammar

Culture

Cultural visits and activities

Course Content and Strategies

This programme concentrates on general Russian through communication. It aims to equip participants with a deep understanding of grammar as well as to give them a chance to exercise and refine their own command of the language.

The observation and examination of teaching methodology from a student/teacher's perspective also aims to further develop the teaching skills of the participant.

Only Russian is spoken in the classroom. Class dynamics include individual, pair and group work, discussions, debates, role-plays, presentations, written tasks and listening exercises. Participants test the teaching methods by peer group work. The smaller size of the afternoon group gives participants the opportunity to be fully engaged in peer group communication, practice and consolidation of new material. Possible timetable (exact timings tbc):

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:40 or 11:40	Welcome, Testing and class assignment				
8:00-11:40 or 12:30-16:10	General Russian Group Lessons	General Russian Group Lessons	General Russian Group Lessons	General Russian Group Lessons	General Russian Group Lessons
		Luncl	n break		
12:30-14:35 or 17:00-19:05 Tue+Thu or Wed+Fri		Russian intensive (according to level)	(Russian intensive (according to level))	Russian intensive (according to level)	(Russian intensive (according to level))
Saturday	Culture Day: Full day visit (included for two-week programmes, extra charge for one-week programmes)				
Sunday	Informal Learning: Personal research, cultural activity, practicing language skills				
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00-11:40 or 12:30-16:10	General Russian Group Lessons	General Russian Group Lessons	General Russian Group Lessons	General Russian Group Lessons	General Russian Gro up Lessons
		Luncl	n break		
12:30-14:35 or 17:00-19:05 Tue+Thu or Wed+Fri		Russian intensive (according to level)	(Russian intensive (according to level))	Russian intensive (according to level)	(Russian intensive (according to level))

Outcomes

- Improved personal Russian language skills: fluency, accuracy and authenticity
- More confidence in using the language
- Enhanced communicative skills
- Improved language skills for teaching Russian as a Foreign Language
- Insights into current practice in the teaching Russian as a Foreign Language
- Deeper sensitivity to cultural diversity
- An understanding of the Latvian and Russian culture mix in Riga
- Erasmus+ potential for your own and others' professional development
- Access to online sources, websites, textbooks/teaching material