

# Russian International Summer School (RISS) 2016 June 13 – August 7 (8 weeks)



RISS at the Presidential Academy in Moscow is a one-of-a-kind program that caters to the needs and interests of its students. The **study of the language** is supplemented by a **lecture series (in English)** on contemporary Russia, as well as **multiple excursions** to Moscow's cultural, historical, and recreational sights. **Academic internships** and **volunteer opportunities** are also available upon request. Additionally, program participants are eligible to take part in **international youth forums** taking place in Russia during the summer.

Throughout the duration of the program, **housing** is provided in on-campus dorms at the Russian Presidential Academy.

Students will be required to take an online placement test prior to arriving at the program.

## A 120-hour Russian Language Course is available at 3 levels:

**Elementary:** designed for students without any prior knowledge of Russian.

**Intermediate:** designed for students who have completed one or two years of college-level Russian and are looking to develop proficiency in conversation. Intermediate students may be divided into sub-groups, depending on their placement test results.

**Advanced:** designed for students focused on business/professional Russian who are looking to refine their language skills and achieve fluency.

**Lecture series** (in English) on contemporary Russian history, economy, and foreign policy, read by Russia's leading experts and active government officials.

**Excursions** around Moscow's cultural, historical, and recreational sights: St. Basil's Cathedral, Red Square, The Kremlin, Tretyakov State Gallery, Cathedral of Christ the Savior, Gorky Park, Moscow State University, Arbat Street, Alexander Gardens, Sparrow Hills, Moscow Metro Tour.

**Academic (unpaid) internships** may be requested in different Russian/international companies and organizations.

**Volunteer opportunities** are also available in orphanages, hospitals, nursing homes, and hostels. Students may also volunteer at cultural and recreational events.



Students of RISS receive a unique bonus opportunity to participate in the annual **Preparing Global Leaders Summit**.

The program cost is **\$3500**, which includes: study materials, excursions, housing, visa support, and transfer from the airport to the Russian Presidential Academy. Students requiring additional course hours may prolong their program for an additional cost of \$200 per 16 hours of instruction.

At the end of the program, students will receive a certificate confirming their completion of a 120-hour Russian language course, which may later be presented to colleges for credit.

Students participating in academic internship and volunteer opportunities will be provided with additional certificates of appreciation, indicating the amount of hours worked.

Applications due by **April 30, 2016**.

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