Russian as a Foreign Language (RFL)

Samara National Research University

Degree or qualification is awarded: **Master's Diploma**

**Language of study:** Russian

**Mode of study:** full-time

**Duration:** 2 years

**Availability of free education:** yes

**Price:** 137 200 RUB per year

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**Gist of the programme**

The program is aimed at training MA students majoring in the field of Russian Language and Literature. The programme includes a set of academic subjects such as Modern Russian, Theory of Speech and Cross-cultural Communication, Methods of Teaching Russian as a Foreign Language etc. providing a solid professional foundation for future teachers of Russian and Russian Culture.

The program of both core and elective courses provides opportunities for effective training:

- in Theory and Practice of Russian as a Foreign Language;
- in History and Methods of Teaching Russian as a Foreign Language;
- in Modern System of Training Russian as a Foreign Language for international students;
- in Teaching the Russian language in high school institutions abroad;
- in Translation from Russian (theoretical and practical aspects);
- in International Activities and International Tourism;
- in other fields of the Human Activities (Science, Culture, Education etc).

Moreover there are offered special courses on Russian philology and Culture Studies stressing the role of Russian as a language of international communication and featuring the specific aspects and current linguistic trends in Modern Russian. In addition the program offers seminars on linguistic peculiarities of Russian Dialects, correction courses on Phonetics, Vocabulary and Grammar of Modern Russian that will contribute to the corresponding level of language proficiency in accordance with the International Standards requirements.

The management of educational, research and project work is carried out by highly qualified faculty members of the Russian Language and Mass Communication Department.

The training is supported by current Media resources, E-learning systems, Global Databases and special Communication Portals for those who wish to be trained in Russian as a Foreign Language with the help of IT.

**Specific features of the Programme**

Focus on theoretical and methodological achievements of modern Russian Philology and the Methods of Teaching Russian as a Foreign Language, besides innovative pedagogical instruments are widely applied.

Graduates will have to know the basics of:

- State Educational Standards for Russian as a Foreign Language; the International Association of Teachers of Russian Language and Literature (MAPRYAL), Russian Society of Teachers of Russian Language and Literature (ROPRYAL), National Associations of Specialists in Russian Philology;
- the advanced Methods of Language Teaching;
- the key principles of Modern Methods of RFL Teaching including the integrative.

The evident advantage of the Programme is its significant cultural component that is contributing to the effective learning of Russian Vocabulary and Grammar. Another programme advantage is its concern about the interaction of Russian graphical and orthographic systems with the elements of Common Slavonic literary language.

Theoretical training is carried out in terms of research projects and final qualification works in the written format, it is also accompanied by various types of practical activities (training practice, traineeship or professional practice, research practice, pre-qualification practice). Students are encouraged to take part in scientific conferences, summer schools, Language Olympiads, special events dedicated to Slavic cultural traditions.
Admission requirements
- an oral interview on the Russian Language with teachers from the Department of Russian language and Mass Communication.
- a B-Level Certificate of Russian is a ‘must’ for an applicant.

Curriculum Specifications
Training within the program «Russian as a Foreign Language» is carried out in accordance with the State Educational Standards for the above discipline. In addition such subjects as Theory and Practice of Intercultural Communication, Russian Literature in the World Culture’s Context», and other special disciplines (Russian as a Foreign Language; Methods of Teaching Russian Grammar Within the above Course, Oral and Written Speech (theory & practice), Russian as a Language of Business Communication», etc. are offered.

Future profession
Graduates of the profile named as Russian as a Foreign Language (for foreign students) can work and develop their professional skills:

- as teachers of Russian as a Foreign Language;
- as instructors or moderators of Russian Language courses and courses of Russian Culture;
- as researchers, experts, editors and translators from the Russian language.

Job Opportunities
The constant growth of Russian international positions in World Economy and Culture today is accompanied by increasing demands for specialists who are fluent in Russian both in European and Asian labor markets that is why after the completion of the above programme the graduates’ employment opportunities will certainly be ample enough to work:

- in state management agencies;
- in higher and secondary special vocational educational institutions;
- in research institutes and cultural centers;
- in international tourism;
- in international agencies;
- in export companies;
- in the sphere of business, private entrepreneurship, and others.

Specializations within this programme