

Summer School in the Russian Language and Culture

National Research ITMO University

Language of study: **Russian, English**

Mode of study: **distance learning**

Duration: **1-4 week**

Availability of free education: **no**

Price: **9,000 RUB (~100 euro) per week**

Programme webpage at the university website: <https://schools.itmo.ru/en/school/13/>

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Place of Study: Online!

Language: Russian/English

Duration: 1-4 weeks (July 1-28, 2021)

Outcome: 1 week - 2 ECTS, ITMO Official Certificate

Deadline: June 25, 2021

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Russian Language Modules for Beginners (0) and Elementary Learners (A1).

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<p>
Russian for Tourists (0-A1)

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Want to learn to speak Russian in everyday situations? This course is exactly the thing for you. In just one week, you will be able to ask for directions in the city, buy tickets in museum box offices without any help, purchase souvenirs in shops, make orders in restaurants and do many other exciting things. After this course, you will no longer be afraid of the Cyrillic alphabet. You will learn to read and write in Russian, and will be able to tell about yourself to your new friends that you will meet in St. Petersburg!

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Quest "St. Petersburg: Following the Footprints of Russian Culture Heritage" (0-A1, in Russian and in English)

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The Quest focuses on St. Petersburg's magnificent art, history, and architecture and includes a lot of outdoor activities. Students will follow the routes of both Russian and international writers, composers, artists to search for the quiz answers throughout the city's hidden spots. In the process, the course's participants will create their own cultural map of Russian and Soviet Art in the context of today's world. Learn Russian while playing!

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<u>July 15-21</u>

General Course (0-A1)

This course will help you acquire basic knowledge of the Russian language and practice all the main skills at the same time. It naturally combines grammar, vocabulary and cultural aspects. Communicative language teaching is used during all Russian language classes.

July 22-28

Quest “Literary St. Petersburg: a Guide to a Renamed City” (0-A1, in Russian and in English)

This course is designed to help you explore a wide range of genres in Russian literature, such as fiction, poetry, drama, essays, autobiographies, history, and diaries. Participate in exciting outdoor activities, find answers to the quiz questions and create a cultural map of the city. Learn Russian literature while playing!

Russian Language Modules for Pre-intermediate (A2) and Intermediate (B1) Learners

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General Course (A2-B1)

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Quest “St. Petersburg: Following the Footprints of Russian Culture Heritage” (A2-C2)

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Conversational Russian (A2-B1)

This conversational course is designed to help you immerse yourself in a Russian-speaking environment and start speaking Russian easily and with pleasure!

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Cases of Russian Language (A2-B1)

Practice shows that cases are among the most difficult aspects of Russian grammar for foreigners to master while learning the Russian language. This course will help you quickly grasp the grammatical forms of certain cases and

their meanings. In one week, the most complicated field of Russian grammar will become understandable for you!

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Russian Phraseology (A2-B1)

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Idioms brightly and expressively reflect national and cultural peculiarities, as well as traditions, emotions, and mentality. It may be challenging for non-native speakers to understand the complex world of Russian idioms. This course will help you familiarize yourself with Russian traditions, customs, and mentality and make it easier for you to speak and understand Russian.

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Russian Culture (A2-B1)

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This course is designed to help you learn more about the people who built St. Petersburg and created their greatest masterpieces here, as well as understand why this city is called the cultural capital of Russia. We will walk around the center of the Northern capital, admire its unique architecture and feel the vibe of this magnificent city. The lives of Pushkin, Dostoyevsky, Akhmatova, and other famous people will become closer and more understandable for you after reading their works and visiting their apartments that have been turned into museums.

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Corrective Course (A2-B1)

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The course focuses on the most complicated aspects of Russian grammar. We kindly ask you to inform us in advance about what issues seem to pose the biggest challenge for you, and our teachers will organize a series of workshops for your group covering these particular issues and aimed at improving certain language skills.

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Russian Video (A2-B1)

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Do you like the Russian language? And do you like watching movies? If the answer is yes, this course is exactly the thing for you, as it offers a unique opportunity to familiarize yourself with the way Russians speak and at the same time learn more about Russian history and culture while watching movies and videos made in the USSR and Russia in different time periods. You will get the most interesting homework: to watch a film or a part of a video and share your opinion about what you've seen.

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TORFL-1 Preparation Course (ТПКИ-1)

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The Test of Russian as a Foreign Language (TORFL-ТПКИ) is a test of the Russian language for international students which complies with the best European quality standards. If you are planning to take the TORFL test, this

course will help you determine your actual language level and get ready for the test.

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TORFL consists of five parts each focusing on a particular skill: writing, vocabulary/grammar, reading, listening, and speaking. Successfully passing the First Level Certificate indicates an intermediate level of language competence, which means that a student can apply their skills to meet their demands of communication in everyday, cultural, educational and professional spheres in line with the State Standard of Competence in Russian as a Foreign Language.

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Russian Theater (A2-B1)

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This course revolves around contemporary Russian drama, which covers a period from the late 90s to the present time. The course's program includes plays by N. Kolyada, O. Mukhina, V. Sygarev, P. Pryazko, and I. Vyrpaev. Additionally, the course will introduce students to the St. Petersburg's theatre by allowing them to attend several performances, including both traditional and contemporary ones.

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<i>Russian Language Modules for Experienced Learners (B2-C2)</i>

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Politics and Diplomacy of the Russian Federation (B2-C2)

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The course is dedicated to modern Russian statehood and such aspects as the evolution of its political structure, the formation of civil society institutes, interaction with international organizations like the UN, BRICS, WTO, and EU. The course is adapted for students learning Russian as a foreign language and is aimed to educate students about the political history of Russia and improve their Russian language skills.

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General Course (B2-C2)

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Modern Literature (B2-C2)

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The participants of this course will explore how the main social, political and cultural developments of Russia (the 1950s-2010s) were reflected in modern Russian literature, as well as discuss works of literature (including poetry), music, cinematography, and art in the period from the 1950s to the 2010s.

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Russian in the Media (B2-C2)

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Russian Media Course focuses on current events in Russia. Through the analysis of Russian mass media reports, you will learn not only about the specific language used in the Russian media world but also about Russian mentality, the way people perceive social, cultural, political and economic problems. You will discuss current key problems in Russia, see the difference in pro-government and oppositional media, learn how to read and write critically in Russian. In-class activities include reading, watching and discussion of popular articles, videos, TV-shows, various projects where you try your hand at being a reporter, write about the topics that interest you or interview people and make a story with your perspective on the chosen topic.

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Russian Rock (B2-C2)

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During this course, you will familiarize yourself with Russian rock music bands and their creative work and see the places where rock culture was born with your own eyes. Listening to these songs, you will learn Russian grammar, understand idioms and images, compare Russian and European rock music and after the lessons, you can attend rock music concerts which are usually held in St. Petersburg streets in the evenings. From this moment on, you can sing along with your favorite Russian singers.

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Russian History (B2-C2)

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It's impossible to understand Russia without knowing its history. The mysterious Russian soul is a mix of pagan superstitions, orthodox dogmas, fearlessness and humility at the same time. The course of Russian history is meant to be a fascinating trip through the centuries and political regimes. You will see how historical changes affected the language and how the language forms our mentality. Extracurricular activities include attending historical museums and tours of the city.

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Specializations within this programme