# Program Description

The Georgetown-CIEE Summer Russian Language Program provides intermediate and advanced students of Russian a well-balanced program of intensive language study in an immersion setting. It combines eight weeks of rigorous language study with an enriching cultural program of lectures and local excursions in one of the world’s most culturally and historically interesting cities.

Students also travel for overnight stays to Moscow and Novgorod as part of the program.

## Accommodation

Students live with host families selected by the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE). Host families provide students with separate, furnished rooms, two meals per day during the week and three meals per day during the weekends.

## Academics

Students complete three language courses (*Russian Grammar*, *Russian Phonetics*, and *Russian Conversation*) and two content-based courses, both of which are taught in Russian: *Discovering Russia: Film, Music, and Current Press* and *Russian Culture: Lectures and Excursions*.

Classes are 90 minutes long; students attend classes five days per week; in addition, one afternoon per week is reserved for excursions and cultural activities.

Georgetown students who successfully complete the program will receive eight (8) credits in Russian language. Coursework will count as transfer credit.

## CIEE Language Commitment

In order to maximize language gain, students agree to speak Russian at all times while on the program (except in emergencies).

## Orientation

In addition to completing a Georgetown pre-departure orientation, participants complete an on-line CIEE orientation while in the US and a mandatory, two-day orientation shortly after arriving in St. Petersburg. Orientation programs include practical information about academics, health and safety, insurance, Russian culture, and daily life in St. Petersburg.
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Sobesedniki

Program participants have the opportunity to be paired with local students for cultural activities during the program. Sobesedniki give American students an important chance to make close friends and become more fully integrated into Russian daily life.

Excursions and Cultural Activities

The program takes students to a wide range of remarkable cultural and historical sites in and around St. Petersburg, including the Hermitage Museum, Peter and Paul Fortress, Pavlovsk, Peterhof, and Tsarskoe Selo. CIEE staff also arrange a group cooking class, a visit to Russian bath house, and tickets to a soccer match.

Internet

Students are encouraged to bring wireless-enabled laptops. Internet access in homestays is not guaranteed; however, limited, but free, wireless is available at the CIEE Study Center. Wireless Internet is also available through local cell phone providers, 4G Internet providers, and many Internet cafés throughout St. Petersburg. Additionally, there is a fee-for-service Internet classroom maintained by the University.

Meals

Students are provided breakfast and dinner at their homestays during the week. Lunches are provided at an affordable price at the university cafeteria Monday through Friday. Host families provided three meals per day on the weekends.

Applying to the Program

Georgetown students are required to complete on-line applications for both CIEE and Georgetown.

To begin a CIEE application, please visit:

https://www.ciee.org/study-abroad/myaccount/

To begin your Georgetown application, click on "Apply Now" at the top of the St. Petersburg webpage.

Please note:

- Students are not required to submit references to CIEE. Instead, references should be completed in the GU online application system; Georgetown will then share student assessments with CIEE.

- Georgetown students are not required to pay the CIEE application fee.

- The CIEE application will ask students to list their advisor's name under the application tab "Home School Nomination." Students should list Susan Hochreiter here.

Scholarships

CIEE recently announced significant new scholarship support for its summer study abroad programs. The deadline for summer financial aid applications is April 1, 2016. For more information, visit: http://www.ciee.org/study-abroad/scholarships-grants/
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Withdrawals, Refunds, and Cancellation

Your acceptance form and program deposit are considered a good-faith commitment to participate on your Georgetown University summer program. Withdrawal from a summer program must be made in writing to the summer program coordinator. Please note that application fees and program deposits are non-refundable. Georgetown University will refund recoverable tuition and costs as determined by our partner institutions. Refunds will be calculated from the date the Office of Global Education is notified in writing of your intent to withdraw. Georgetown University is not responsible for indirect costs paid directly by the student, including but not limited to passport fees, vaccinations, and transportation costs.

Georgetown University reserves the right to adjust program fees or cancel any program without prior notification; however, every effort will be made to provide information on cancellations in a timely manner. In the event of cancellation, Georgetown University will refund program deposits and 100% of recoverable program fees.