**Russian Language & Communication Skills**

**Improve your Russian**

For Russian learners, we offer courses to develop overall proficiency in listening, speaking, reading and writing.

**Regular Level 1**
- LMS-1132-18
- Mon/Wed 1:00-2:30 p.m.
- LMS-1132-19
- Mon/Wed 5:30-7:00 p.m.

**Regular Level 2**
- LMS-1210-15
- Mon/Wed 12:00-1:30 p.m.
- LMS-1210-16
- Mon/Wed 5:30-7:00 p.m.

**Regular Level 3**
- LMS-1211-11
- Tue/Thu 12:00-1:30 p.m.

**Regular Level 4**
- LMS-1212-9
- Tue/Thu 12:00-1:30 p.m.

**Regular Level 5**
- LMS-1213-8
- Mon/Wed 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Regular Level 6**
- LMS-1214-8
- Tue/Thu 1:30-3:00 p.m.

**Regular Level 7**
- LMS-1215-8
- Tue/Thu 1:30-3:00 p.m.

**Regular Level 8**
- LMS-1216-7
- Mon/Wed 1:30-3:00 p.m.

**Regular Level 9**
- LMS-1217-5
- Mon/Wed 1:00-2:30 p.m.

**LOCATION FOR COURSES:** TBA

**Placement Test**
- Not sure of your level? Email
- Russian Language Supervisor
- Anna Dvigubski (dvigubski@un.org)

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**Register for classes or placement exam**

**Get ready**
1. Check if you are eligible to take our courses and if you have to pay: bit.ly/lcp-eligibility
2. Choose up to 2 language courses (or up to 3 if two are short-term courses).
3. Set up an Inspira account if you don’t already have one. Write to us to ask how.
4. Make a PDF copy of:
   - your UN grounds pass; and IF your pass expires before the end of your course, get a signed letter from your supervisor or EO confirming a contract extension.

**Register**
1. Log in to https://inspira.un.org
2. Click on Main Menu - (Self Service), Learning - My Learning.
3. Search the catalog by typing in the box placement or the name of the course, and then click on ‘Search’.
4. Click on ‘Enroll’ to the right of the placement test or course you want. If there is more than one option, again click on ‘enroll’ to the right of your preference. For day/time/place click on View details - Schedule—New York.
5. Upload PDF documents (see above).
6. Click the ‘I agree’ box and Submit Enrollment. You’re not enrolled yet - Wait for a confirmation e-mail.

**Check MY LEARNING page for updates**
If you see Action Requested, click on ‘View’.
Don’t understand what you need to do? Contact languages@un.org

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**Register NOW for placement exam**

Register for classes now until 7 April, 2016

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**Russian Language Programme**

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Why Study Russian?

1. Russian is the official language of the Russian Federation—the largest country in the world, stretching over a vast expanse of Europe and Asia and spanning eleven time zones.

2. Russian is the fifth most spoken language on the planet.

3. Russian is the working language of the Commonwealth of Independent States. If your professional duties tie you to any of the countries of the former Soviet Union, studying the Russian language is essential.

4. Russian is used in an official capacity in many international organizations, such as: the United Nations, UNESCO, OSCE, WHO, FAO, and the International Criminal Court.

5. Russian is also one of the two official languages aboard the International Space Station: NASA astronauts who serve alongside Russian cosmonauts usually take Russian language courses - this goes back to the Apollo-Soyuz mission in 1975.

6. Last but not least, having mastered Russian, you will be able to appreciate the wealth of the Russian cultural heritage in literature, visual art, theatre, music, opera and ballet; read in the original the masterpieces of world-renowned Russian writers, such as Pushkin, Tolstoy, Dostoyevsky, Chekhov, Bulgakov, Solzhenitsyn; and maybe—just maybe!—come closer to understanding the enigmatic Russian soul.

Welcome to the UN Russian Language Programme!

IS RUSSIAN CHALLENGING? NOT AS CHALLENGING AS YOU THOUGHT!

Russian belongs to the Indo-European group of languages (along with English, Spanish, French, German, Italian, etc.), sharing more vocabulary with them than is generally realized.

Russian is more phonetic than many languages, i.e. each letter of the Russian alphabet makes the same sound every time.

The Russian alphabet contains only 33 letters, about 18 of which should look familiar to you already. You might be surprised, but it takes just one week to learn the entire alphabet, and after another week you'll be able to read and write in Cyrillic.

CAN YOU READ THESE WORDS?

KOT 3AMOK KATET
TAKT MAMA ATAKA
ATOM TEMA TOMAT

You've just read 9 words in Russian without even studying the alphabet!

So what are you waiting for?! Do not miss this chance: join our programme NOW and share in the richness of the Russian language and culture.

Specialized Courses

In addition to the core programme, we have designed special courses based on student interest and need to enhance skills in specific areas, such as listening, reading, speaking, writing, and cultural awareness. In the Spring 2016 term, we offer the following specialized courses:

Russian LPE Preparation LMS-1650-4
Designed to help you work on areas needing improvement and to prepare for the Proficiency Examination in Russian.
Tue 4-5:30 pm; 19 April–5 July (Prerequisite: Level 9)

Conversation I LMS-1153-9
Develop everyday speaking skills & expand vocabulary.
Thu 4-5:30 p.m.; 21 April–7 July (Prerequisite: Level 4+)

Advanced Reading LMS-1577-2
Enhance reading skills and expand vocabulary.
Fri 1:30-3 pm; 22 April–8 July (Prerequisite: Level 7+)

Media-Assisted Russian LMS-1279-8
Familiarize yourself with Russian mass media & enrich vocabulary related to current events.
Fri 12-1:30 pm; 22 Apr–8 Jul (Prerequisite: Level 7+)

Russian in Communication LMS-1578-6
Develop skills to use the language effectively and learn to take control of communication with native speakers.
Mon 11:30-1 pm; 18 Apr–4 July (Prerequisite: Level 4+)

Russian Grammar Refresher I (WebEx) LMS-1280-4
This 12-week WebEx course provides a comprehensive review of the case system, including all noun & adjective case forms. The course meets 1 hour a week online.
Wed 11:30-12:30; 20 Apr–6 July (Prerequisite: Level 4+)

Skill Training: Verbs of Motion II (WebEx) LMS-2212-2
This 6-week WebEx course helps students master the Russian verbs of motion. Meets 1 hr a week online.
Thu 11:30-12:30; 21 April–26 May (Prerequisite: VoM I)

Russian for Interpreters LMS-2255-1
This 7-week advanced course is designed to meet the specific needs of interpreters working with Russian at the United Nations.
Thu 1:15-2:45 pm; 26 May–7 July (Prerequisite: 4 years of university Russian or equivalent)

Russian for Translators LMS-2256-1
This 7-week advanced course is designed to meet the specific needs of translators working with Russian at the United Nations.
Thu 1:15-2:45 pm; 24 May–5 July (Prerequisite: 4 years of university Russian or equivalent)

LOCATION FOR ALL FACE-TO-FACE COURSES: TBA