

Improve your Russian

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



Regular Level 1 LMS-1132-15

M/W/F, 14 Sep-4 Dec,

Mon/Fri 12-1:30pm, Wed 12-1pm in S-1525

Regular Level 2 LMS-1210-12

T/Th/F, 15 Sep-4 Dec,

Tue 12:30-2pm, Thu 12-1pm in S-1525

Fri 12-1:30pm in S-1520

Regular Level 2 LMS-1210-13

M/W/Th, 14 Sep-3 Dec, Mon 11:15am-

12:15pm, Wed/Thu 11:30am-1pm in DC2-630*

Regular Level 3 LMS-1211-9

M/T/Th, 14 Sep-3 Dec,

Mon 2:15-3:15pm, Tue/Thu 2-3pm in DC2-630*

Regular Level 4 LMS-1212-7

T/Th/F, 15 Sep-4 Dec, Tue 2-3pm, Thu 1-2pm

in S-1525, Fri 1:30-2:30pm in S-1520

Regular Level 5 LMS-1213-6

M/T/W, 14 Sep-2 Dec, Mon 12:15-1:15pm,

Wed 1-2pm in DC2-630*,

Tue 11:30am-12:30pm in S-1525

Regular Level 6 LMS-1214-6

M/W/F, 14 Sep-4 Dec, Mon/Fri 1:30-2:30pm,

Wed 1-2 in S-1525

Regular Level 7 LMS-1215-6

M/T/Th, 14 Sep-3 Dec, Mon 1:15-2:15pm,

Tue/Thu 1-2pm in DC2-630*

*All classes in DC2-630 will move to L-0316 starting week of 5 October

Placement Test

Not sure of your level? See all options: <http://goo.gl/AwDsYV> & register in Inspira or make an appointment with Russian Language Supervisor Ms. Anna Dvigubski (dvigubski@un.org)

Register for classes or a 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.
 - ⇒ (for paying students) your receipt from the Cashiers Office, S-20th floor. Find out how much to pay in paragraph 39 in this document: <http://bit.ly/InfoCir2014>

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 enrol** 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 Enrolment**. 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

Register NOW for placement exams

Register for classes 20 July 2015—7 October 2015

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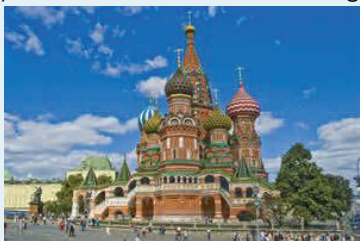
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Why Study Russian?

- 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, International Criminal Court, etc.
- 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. Finally**, last but not least: the wealth of the **Russian cultural heritage** in literature, visual art, theatre, music, opera and ballet is enormous. Every educated person knows the names of world-renowned Russian writers such as Pushkin, Tolstoy, Dostoyevsky, Chekhov, Bulgakov, Solzhenitsyn, but not everyone can appreciate the rich and deep language of their works. Having mastered Russian, you will be able to not only read the masterpieces of Russian literature in the original, but even, just maybe, finally come to understand the enigmatic **Russian soul**.



Welcome to the UN Russian Language Programme!

**Q: HOW MUCH OF A CHALLENGE?
A: NOT AS MUCH 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 some of the languages of the above 'family', i.e. each letter of the Russian alphabet makes the same sound every time.
- **Russian** alphabet contains 33 letters only, about 18 of which should look familiar to you already. You might be surprised, but it takes about *just one week to learn the entire alphabet* and after another week you'll be able to read and write in Cyrillic.

Let us see whether you can read these words:

KOT	COM	TOCT
TAK	MAMA	ATAKA
AKT	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 precious opportunity: join our Programme NOW!
and plunge into the richness of the Russian language and culture.

Specialized Courses

In addition to the core Programme, specialized courses have been designed according to interest and need to enhance skills in specific areas such as listening, reading, speaking, writing, and cultural awareness. In the Fall 2015 term, the following specialized courses are offered:

Russian LPE Preparation LMS-1650-2
Designed to help you work on areas needing improvement and to prepare for the Proficiency Examination in Russian.
Thu 2-3pm in S-1525, Fri 2:30-3:30pm in S-1520
15 Sep-4 Dec
(Prerequisite: Level 9)

Russian at the Cinema LMS-1155-8
You will view Russian modern and classic films more productively, improve listening comprehension, and learn new vocabulary and idiomatic expressions.
Mon 2:30-3:30pm in S-1525, Wed 2-3pm in S-1520
16 Sep-2 Dec
(Prerequisite: Level 9)

Media-Assisted Russian LMS-1279-6
Familiarize yourself with popular Russian Mass Media and enrich your vocabulary related to modern broadcasts from Russia.
Wed 2:00-3:00pm, Fri 2:30-3:30pm in S-1525
16 Sep-4 Dec
(Prerequisite: Level 9)

Skill Training: Russian Declensions (WebEx)
LMS-2118-1

You will gain a better understanding of the Russian cases and through practice you will achieve automaticity in using the Russian declensions
Th 11:30am-1:00pm via WebEx, 17 Sep-8 Oct
(Prerequisite: Level 5+)

Skill Training: Verbs of Motion in Russian (WebEx)
LMS-2119-1

Russian verbs of motion (or going) often present many difficulties to non-native speakers. This course is designed to make it easier for you to master this aspect of Russian grammar.
Th 11:30am-1:00pm via WebEx, 15 Oct-5 Nov
(Prerequisite: Level 5+)

Skill Training: Verb Aspect in Russian (WebEx)
LMS-2120-1

The Russian verb aspect is another pitfall for students that requires special attention in the classroom. This course is designed to make it easier for you to use the two aspects of the Russian verbs.
Th 11:30am-1:00pm via WebEx, 12 Nov-3 Dec
(Prerequisite: Level 5+)

Skill Training: Listening in Russian (WebEx)
LMS-2121-1

Authentic audio and audio-visual materials will be used to help you refine your listening skills for close comprehension (grasping the gist of what is said).
Th 11:30am-1:00pm via WebEx, 15 Sep-3 Dec
(Prerequisite: Level 5+)