

Bard College Summer Language Intensive 2009 Smolny College, St. Petersburg, Russia

Application Instructions

Bard College offers an intensive Russian language summer program hosted by Smolny College, Russia's first liberal arts college. Bard and Smolny offer a dynamic, 22-hour per week Russian language immersion program that emphasizes grammar, vocabulary acquisition, and conversational practice, with additional thematic components taught in Russian.

Students can choose to study at Smolny for either four or eight weeks, beginning June 11, 2009. All students must enter the program with a minimum of one year of college-level Russian, or the equivalent. Students with a language level up to the equivalent of three years college-level Russian will be accommodated.

Please complete the attached application form and enclose a copy of your passport with your submission. Those not possessing a passport, or whose passport will expire before December 31, 2009, should apply for a new passport **now!**

An official copy of your transcript and the Russian Language Evaluation Form must also be submitted. Lastly, all applicants must complete the Bard-Smolny Russian Assessment, which consists of a 45-minute grammar test and a written essay. Please contact the IILE at Bard, using the contact information below, for a copy of the Assessment. In general, the Russian Assessment is for placement purposes only. However, Bard and Smolny Colleges reserve the right to deny admission to a student whose level of language is outside the parameters of this program (one through three years of college Russian, or equivalent), as evidenced through the Russian Assessment.

Bard College has limited scholarship funds available for students demonstrating need. Students requesting financial aid should include a copy of their most recent FAFSA and their home institution's financial aid award letter for the current semester with their application.

The application deadline for the Bard College Summer Language Intensive is **March 15, 2009**. Applications are considered on a rolling basis, early submissions are encouraged.

Please submit your completed application and all supporting materials to:

Bard College
Institute for International Liberal Education
P.O. Box 5000
Annandale-On-Hudson, NY 12504-5000
Tel: (845) 758-7076
Fax: (845) 758-7040
[**smolny@bard.edu**](mailto:smolny@bard.edu)

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I wish to apply to the: 4 week program 8 week program

Section 1: Personal Details

Last name _____

First name _____

Do you prefer to be called by another name? _____

Male__ Female____

Your mailing address at College:

Telephone number at College: _____

Cell phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email _____

Your mailing address at home (permanent mailing address)

Telephone number at home _____

Date of birth (mm/dd/year) _____

Place of birth: _____

Citizenship _____

Social Security number: _____

Do you have a valid passport? Yes _____ No _____

When does your passport expire(mm/dd/year)? _____

Passport number _____

Home language _____

Do you have any medical requirements/conditions/disabilities that require specialized management? _____

Name of parent/legal guardian: _____

Relationship (mother, father, legal guardian etc.) _____

Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Work telephone _____

Cell phone _____

Email _____

Fax _____

Section 2: Education

Name of College/University where you study _____

Address of College/University: _____

Expected date of graduation: _____

Major area of study _____

How many semesters of Russian language have you taken? _____

For how many hours each week does your Russian class meet? List all years applicable.

First-Year: _____

Second-Year _____

Third-Year _____

Academic advisor: _____

His/her telephone: _____

Section 3: Statement of Purpose

(attach an extra sheet if necessary)

What are your academic and personal goals for attending this program?

Section 4: Financing

Do you currently receive a scholarship/loan to study at your college/university?

Yes _____ No _____

Do you wish to apply for a need-based scholarship to participate in the Smolny summer language program?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, you must attach the following documents to your application:

- A copy of your FAFSA for the current academic year
- A copy of your financial aid award letter from your college/university for the current semester

My signature indicates that all the information contained in my application is factually correct and honestly presented.

Signature

Date

Checklist: Please be sure that all of the items listed below are included with your completed application form.

_____ Official Academic Transcript

_____ Copy of your valid passport

_____ Russian language evaluation form, to be completed by your Russian professor

_____ Russian Assessment (Grammar and Essay), available from Bard College

For students requesting financial aid:

_____ FAFSA copy for the current academic year

_____ Financial aid award letter for the current semester

Send to:

Bard College

Attn: IILE, Summer Language Program

P.O. Box 5000

Annandale-On-Hudson, NY 12504-5000

Russian Language Evaluation Form: SLI 2009

To the applicant: This form is to be completed by a professional language teacher or faculty member who is familiar with your level of Russian language. For the convenience of your referrer, please complete the top portion of this form and provide your referrer with a stamped envelope addressed to: Bard College, Attn: IILE, PO Box 5000, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY 12504-5000. Alternately, the referrer may return the completed form to you, in a sealed envelope with his/her signature across the back.

Applicant Name: _____
Last First Middle

Home Institution: _____

Under the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act:

____ I retain my right of access to information contained in this recommendation.

____ I waive my right of access to information contained in this recommendation.

Signature of Applicant

Date

To the evaluator: Smolny College is Russia's first liberal arts college, and is a joint project of St. Petersburg State University and Bard College. Bard and Smolny Colleges offer both a direct-enrollment, immersion study abroad program during the academic year, and a summer language intensive. The student you are evaluating is applying for either the 4- or 8-week summer language intensive. To be eligible, students must have a minimum of one academic year (or equivalent) of Russian language.

Please return your reference to the address below in the envelope provided to you by the applicant, or submit to the student in a sealed envelope with your signature across the back. Thank you for your assistance.

Evaluator's name: _____

Title: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

1. Please circle your assessment of the applicant's Russian language skills in each of the categories below.

Aural comprehension

4 understands discussion of sophisticated academic topics

3 understands discussion of simple academic topics

2 understands simple conversation

1 understanding limited to simple sentences

0 none

Speaking ability

4 uses structural patterns and has mastery of a broad range of conversational situations

3 uses structural patterns, but cannot yet accurately and consistently sustain conversational subjects

2 uses basic grammatical structure and limited vocabulary

1 uses simple vocabulary only

0 none

Reading ability

- 4 understands sophisticated content
- 3 understands idiomatic usage and specialized terminology
- 2 understands conventional topics and non-technical subjects
- 1 understands simple vocabulary and sentences
- 0 none

Writing ability

- 3 able to write with idiomatic expression and with style
- 2 able to write on academic topics with few errors in structure and spelling
- 1 able to write simple sentences on conventional topics, with some errors in structure and spelling
- 0 none

2. Please add any comments you have regarding the student's aural comprehension and speaking, reading, and writing ability.

3. Is the applicant's present language ability and academic maturity adequate for a summer language intensive program that involves 22 classroom hours per week plus homework, and is located in St. Petersburg? Please explain your answer; attaching a separate letter if necessary.

4. How was the applicant's ability examined?

Signature

Date

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