

Central and East European Language Program:

6-week session in Pittsburgh

June 9-July 18, 2008

4-week session in Bulgaria, Poland, Slovakia

July 21-August 15, 2008

The 2008 Russian and East European Summer Language Institute will offer the following Central and East European language courses. Each level grants 6 credits (and four additional credits for continued study in Bulgaria or Poland) and is equivalent to one year of college-level language study.

Classes meet from 9:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. daily Monday through Friday for six weeks. Students will also have weekly films and singing classes, and occasional cultural lectures, and will participate in a cooking class. In addition there are (very popular) weekly picnics on the lawn where a different nationality/language group is featured. All SLI students and instructors attend.

Description of Courses – East European Languages (non-Russian):

BEGINNING INTENSIVE COURSES:

BOSNIAN/CROATIAN/SERBIAN, BULGARIAN, HUNGARIAN, POLISH, SLOVAK, UKRAINIAN **6 credits**

A thorough introductory language course. Emphasis is placed on communicative competence – active use of new structures in reading, dialogues, free conversation, and listening comprehension.

BEGINNING INTENSIVE POLISH (STUDY IN POLAND OPTION) 6+4 **6 or 10 credits** *(6 weeks in Pittsburgh, 4 weeks in Poland)*

The class begins with the class in Pittsburgh, and continues with the same textbook (*First Year Polish*) in Poland, covering two more lessons than the group in Pittsburgh. In Poland the course changes from 5 hours to 3 hours per day devoted to the primary textbook, with 2 hours per day being based on materials supplementary to the textbook on practical topics especially relevant to the stay in Poland (travel, shopping, cooking, social customs, restaurant eating, time and dates, etc.) Instructors in Krakow are trained at the Jagiellonian University. Meetings with Polish students and excursions both around Krakow and Warsaw are incorporated into the program.

BEGINNING INTENSIVE SLOVAK (STUDY IN SLOVAKIA OPTION) 6+4 **6 or 10 credits** *(6 weeks in Pittsburgh, 4 weeks in Slovakia)*

The class begins with instruction in Pittsburgh and continues with instruction in Slovakia at Comenius University in Modra. In this course, students will be able to complete the equivalent of three semesters of Slovak language study. While in Slovakia, day excursions to Male Carpaty, Modra Harmonia-Cerveny Kamen castle and museum, Bratislava, and a three-day trip is planned to further knowledge of the country.

BEGINNING INTENSIVE BULGARIAN (STUDY IN BULGARIA) 6+4 **6 or 10 credits** *(6 weeks in Pittsburgh, 4 weeks in Bulgaria)*

The class begins with instruction in Pittsburgh and continues with instruction in Bulgaria at New Bulgarian University in Sofia. In this course, students will be able to complete the

equivalent of three semesters of Bulgarian language study. Excursions within Bulgaria are incorporated into the program.

INTERMEDIATE INTENSIVE COURSES:

BOSNIAN/CROATIAN/SERBIAN, POLISH, SLOVAK 6 credits

Assuming familiarity on the part of the student with the basics of grammar, the intermediate course is oriented more around practical topics of special relevance to prospective travelers to the target country (travel, social events, shopping, dining, entertainment, popular culture, history, and so on). Special attention is devoted to developing a good socio-linguistic consciousness, so as to smoothly function in the target culture. At the same time, the intermediate courses provide a systematic review of the grammar, to which are added elements more characteristic of the written language (complex sentences, the subjunctive mood, participles and gerunds).

**INTERMEDIATE INTENSIVE POLISH (STUDY IN POLAND OPTION) 6+4 6 or 10 credits
(6 weeks in Pittsburgh, 4 weeks in Poland)**

The class begins with the class in Pittsburgh, and finishes the textbook (*Intermediate Polish*) in Poland, covering two more lessons than the group in Pittsburgh. The course in Poland then continues with the *Intermediate Polish Reader*, supplemented by materials prepared by instructors in Krakow. Meetings with Polish students and excursions both around Krakow and Warsaw are incorporated into the program.

INTERMEDIATE INTENSIVE BULGARIAN (STUDY IN BULGARIA) 4 credits

Students who have completed the equivalent of one year of Bulgarian language study can continue their study of Bulgarian in an SLI program operated at New Bulgarian University in Sofia. Excursions within Bulgaria are incorporated into the Intermediate program.

INTERMEDIATE INTENSIVE SLOVAK (STUDY IN SLOVAKIA) 4 credits

Students who have completed the equivalent of one year of Slovak language study can continue their study of Slovak in an SLI program operated at Comenius University in Modra. While in Slovakia, day excursions to Male Carpaty, Modra Harmonia-Cerveny Kamen castle and museum, Bratislava, and a three-day trip are planned to further knowledge of the country.

ADVANCED INTENSIVE BOSNIAN/CROATIAN/SERBIAN and SLOVAK 6 credits

Assuming a basic mastery of vocabulary and grammatical structures, the advanced course aims to improve communicative competence in areas of practical and public concern (history, politics, popular culture), particularly from a comparative perspective. The course is topically oriented, with instructional blocks devoted to such topics as social customs, the educational system, employment and vacations, the health and welfare systems, sources of social tension, and so on.

**FOR ADVANCED (PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE) HERITAGE SPEAKERS OF
BOSNIAN/CROATIAN/SERBIAN (STUDY IN ZAGREB, SARAJEVO, BELGRADE) 1+5
6 credits**

Students will study for one week in Pittsburgh and five weeks in Zagreb, Sarajevo and Belgrade. The course is open to heritage speakers of BCS or those with super-advanced proficiency. Students will improve their BCS by achieving professional language competence through learning how to express themselves in journalistic, legalistic, scholarly and literary styles while working on writing, translation, reading and interpreting skills. Students will work with academic experts in the region to complete an individual research project.