Russian Program: 8-week session June 7-July 30, 2010

The 2010 Russian and East European Summer Language Institute will offer Russian language courses from first to fourth year. Each level grants 8 credits (or 10 credits in the 5+5 Pitt/Moscow program) and is equivalent to one year of Russian. An oral and written language proficiency test will be administered on the first day of classes to students with prior experience in Russian language to assure proper placement in the most beneficial level.

Classes meet from 9:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. daily Monday through Friday for eight weeks. Students will also have weekly Russian film and lectures, Russian singing classes, a Russian cooking class and a Russian Tea. 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 the Friday event.

SLI offers a special program for Russian Heritage Speakers, with two-hour afternoon sessions devoted to the special needs and concerns of those who have learned Russian at home or from friends and family.

Description of Russian Courses:

Russian 0210 BEGINNING INTENSIVE RUSSIAN 8 or 10 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. Basic textbook: Golosa, book 1

Russian 0220 INTERMEDIATE INTENSIVE RUSSIAN 8 or 10 credits

A rigorous presentation of the basic uses of all nominal and verbal categories: declension of nouns and adjectives in all cases, singular and plural, deepening the knowledge of aspect uses, verbs of motion**,** conditional sentences, imperatives, indefinite pronouns, comparison of adjectives, time expressions, prepositional phrases. Introduction to participles and verbal adverbs. Emphasis is placed on developing fluency in conversation and to phraseology on both oral and written levels. Basic textbook: Golosa, book 2

Russian 0230 ADVANCED INTENSIVE RUSSIAN 8 or 10 Credits

This intensive course has two components: The first, conversation, will consist of the preparation of dialogues and in-class discussions in Russian. The second, grammar, will be based on an accompanying grammar text, and short compositions that draw on material covered in the text, as well as on videotapes from contemporary Russian media. Course objectives are: to develop an active vocabulary in practical, everyday topics, particularly those topics which will prepare students for travel to Russia in order to refine composition skills. Readings in Russian literature are also a part of this course.

Russian 0240 FOURTH-YEAR INTENSIVE RUSSIAN 8 or 10 Credits

This course offers a rapid review of more complex aspects of Russian grammar before concentrating on a selective survey of works from contemporary Russian literature and culture. Classroom activities focus on discussions of the assigned works, reports on the authors and the cultural context, and presentations on various aspects of the texts. . The goals of this course are three: vocabulary expansion; enhancement of writing and speaking skills; and the acquisition of a basic knowledge of contemporary Russian literature and culture.