



Community-Based Program

Background Information

Institution: Russian Cultural Center

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Levels: Adults

Languages/dialects taught: Russian

Program Description

Purposes and goals of the program: The program offers Russian language at all levels and allows goals to be defined by the students enrolled. It is designed to improve students' proficiency in the Russian language and allow them to feel comfortable with different features of the language.

Type of program: Heritage and foreign language program

Program origin: The program was founded in 1999.

Students

Students

- First-generation immigrants
- Second-generation immigrants

- Americans

Countries of origin: Russia, United States

Total student enrollment: 33

How the program determines the language background and language proficiency of students: Students must fill out an application and indicate their proficiency level in Russian. Testing is also administered to determine language proficiency.

Instructors

Number of instructors in the program: 6

Languages in which instructors are proficient: Russian, English

Proficiency level: Native Speakers

Credentials: All instructors have an M.A. in either Linguistics or Russian.

Instruction

Total contact hours per week: 2 hours per week

Times per week: Once or twice per week

Student grouping: Maximum of 3-4 students in a group

Hours devoted to language teaching: Depends on the individual student's need

Hours devoted to culture teaching: Depends on the individual student's need

Language skills

Skills developed by the program: Listening, speaking, reading, and writing

Heritage language skills: Listening, speaking, reading, and writing

Culture

Aspects of culture taught: Geography, customs, history, politics, and traditions

Methodologies

Methodologies and instructional strategies used in the program: Language courses are designed to attain oral, listening, reading, and writing proficiency and are structured to feature grammar and lexical study, phonetics, and development of vocabulary.

Materials

Textbooks:

Russian for Beginners, Ovsienko J.G.

Russian-Intermediate Level, Ovsienko J.G.

Yes, I speak Russian, Karetnikova L.G.

Invitation to Russia-Entry Level Workbook #1-2, Korchagina E.L.

Other materials used for instruction: Books on CD and tape cassettes

Assessment

Assessments used to evaluate students' progress: Weekly quizzes and chapter tests

What the program has in place

Financial support the program receives: Funded by the Russian government