



St.Petersburg, Russia



**Extra Class Language Center
the place to learn Russian!**

Central Location

Rapid Progress

Enjoyable Classes

2007

When you come to Extra Class

You will find yourself in a friendly and exciting international atmosphere created by our teachers and staff, as well as by our students coming from all over the world, from Australia and Iceland to Switzerland and the USA. The exceptional European quality in our service and language instruction, combined with traditional Russian Hospitality, makes the most efficient and enjoyable stay.

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We provide a fantastic cultural program to make sure our students enjoy Russia at its best.

At Extra Class Language Center you will meet teachers who are the most qualified and professional in foreign language instruction in Russia. This makes learning Russian easy and also fun! We give teachers' training

courses which all participants from Russia and abroad find useful and inspiring.

Our enthusiastic teachers guarantee rapid progress and enjoyable classes, despite the fact that the Russian language is often considered a hard language to master.



Our teachers have taught students from: The International Committee of the

Red Cross, the BBC, the British Council, Credit Suisse, Der Spiegel, foreign embassies and consulates in Russia, and leading European universities. If you are interested in a specific area, or are learning Russian for a certain purpose, our teachers can design a personalized course around the topic of your choice, at no extra cost!



Unlike universities and other more conservative institutions, we are aware of the fact that our clients don't have to be professional linguists. We work with journalists, businessmen, diplomats, students of economics and political studies, and people just interested in Russia's rich culture and history. We help them speak real up-to-date Russian without "torturing" them too much.



Start to speak and understand Russian with our “Poekhali!” program - it's fast, easy and fun! Created by our director Stanislav Chernyshov, it has gained worldwide recognition.



What our students often find attractive is our all-inclusive packages, where all issues are taken care of, from visa support to transfer back to the airport for departure. Upon arrival you will be met at the airport by our driver with an Extra Class sign, who will take you to your host family or hotel. You will receive a welcome package which, among other items, includes a city map and a metro ticket for your first week in St. Petersburg.

We also teach foreign languages to Russians (English, German, Finnish, Swedish, Norwegian, Dutch, and Japanese), and organize international parties, discussion meetings, and language exchanges after classes.



Our Russian students and staff often accompany students in sightseeing and bars, to clubs, and various leisure, culture, and sports activities. You can always be sure to find professional advice on anything you might want to find in the city. Our client relations administrators can help you in shopping, finding what you need for your hobbies while in Russia (sports, music, dancing, etc.), or in organizing trips to different parts of Russia, and even abroad!

Small, but exclusive things like bottled spring drinking water, tea and coffee are free for all course participants and reflect the spirit of Extra Class and its attitude towards its clients.

Whether it's learning Russian to explore the unique cultural and historical heritage of old Russia, or gaining an understanding of the current situation of contemporary Russia, “Extra Class” language center is the vehicle to get you there.

Russian language courses at all levels

Group Russian language courses are held in mini-groups and include all aspects of Russian language: speaking Russian, writing, reading, listening, Russian grammar and pronunciation with a special emphasis on general daily Russian communication skills. Our instructors who teach group Russian courses use a variety of modern teaching techniques such as roleplay, task based activities, games



and discussions. An advantage of our Group Russian language courses is the exciting international atmosphere and exposure to a variety of cultures that one can experience learning Russian with fellow students whose backgrounds range from Hawaii to Iceland and from New Zealand to Great Britain. The diversity of Extra Class students proves its ability to recon out to people of different countries and cultures.

2-2-1 Russian course is the favorite choice of companions (couples, friends, classmates, or colleagues) traveling together, looking to share Russian classes and travel experiences, the fun of learning and the thrill of exploring a new culture, and to help each other in learning Russian. It combines the benefits of individual tuition, personalized attention to students' needs and objectives, and the lively in-class atmosphere and speaking practice opportunities of a group Russian language course.



15 hours / week Individual Russian language "Leisure" course: an ideal opportunity to have enough time to explore the marvel bus city and make progress in learning Russian with a personalized Russian language course. Some amount of homework devoted to grammar revision, writing and reading, helps to maximize results. The countless treasures of the

city's museums, churches and palaces have something to discover every day of your stay. This course option is also recommended for senior students not eager to spend too much time in a classroom, as well as for tourists who are seeking a Russian course to understand the country better and get around easier.

20 hours / week - Classic Individual Russian course, which offers maximum individual attention and flexibility. Student's objectives set the framework for the course and the balance of general vs. job-oriented Russian, the amount of time devoted to speaking Russian, clarification of Russian grammar, or reading and analyzing Russian literature. This course allows for a balanced combination of Russian classes and free time activities. You can learn Russian intensively and enjoy the vivid cultural life St. Petersburg has to offer. Efficient, but not tiring, this Russian course is the ultimate language travel solution.

30 hours / week “Breakthrough” Russian course is mostly suitable for professionals who want to develop general Russian language skills, and at the same time acquire profound knowledge in some specific area which can be Russian for business and economics, international relations, banking and finances, medicine, production technology, environment, history, politics, literature, culture, ethnology, or other job-related subjects. This course often includes extensive vocabulary work, and practice in speaking Russian in different settings, like telephoning, presentations, negotiating, and formal correspondence. Our teachers often accompany Russian classes with explanations in “dos and don'ts”, customs and practices common in appropriate areas. This course enables you to act as professionally in a Russian-speaking environment, as you would in your home country! The only thing more important before taking a job position in Russia is your visa!

40 hours / week Individual “Hurricane” Russian course is the top choice for executive Russian language training. It guarantees total immersion effect and combines thorough and intensive general Russian classes with those targeted at job related issues. This course was highly appreciated by clients with different specializations, from Der Spiegel and Swiss banks to Holcem and a

Norwegian gas transporting company. Two teachers work shifts in close coordination to create this course, and we are proud of the amazing results our clients always get when they choose this option. We call it a “Hurricane”: this course takes students to the desired level of Russian speaking skills in such a short time they can't believe it!



Accommodation

“Living with a Russian family is a vital part of your stay. Our families enjoy having students in their homes. You will be regarded as part of the family, having meals together, chatting, watching TV, and going out at the weekends. You will find that the time you spend talking to your host family is one of the best and most enjoyable ways of improving your Russian. Very often, the relationship between student and family develops into a lasting friendship.

"The most delicious Russian specialties are served 'u mamy na kukhnii' ('in mama's kitchen'), rather than in expensive restaurants and hotels. The most striking chronicles of Russian history are not the dusty volumes in libraries, but family photographs, explained by members of your host family. Staying in a Russian home during my visit to St. Petersburg greatly contributed to both my linguistic skills and my understanding of Russian culture.”

Caspar Meyer, Oxford

“I am really impressed by your professional attitude and performance, which of course also includes the warm welcome by my host family”.

Gabri van den Toorn, BDO, The Netherlands



Some families offer a double room for couples, but normally every student gets a single room with study facilities and half board.

Extra Activities with Extra Class
We offer a variety of cultural, sports, and leisure activities, including sightseeing, unforgettable boat trips along city's rivers and

canals, theatres, bars and discos, folk shows, and of course the Russian banya, or steam bath, a traditional way of relaxation practiced by Russians for centuries.

Among the exclusive events organised by Extra Class there are, to name just a few:

- excursions to Shuvalovka Russian Village, a beautiful ethno-park giving a lively picture of the traditional Russian country life, where you can enjoy live folk music, traditional games, ancient crafts, and Russian vodka theatre!

- an exclusive guided tour “The Dark Side of Russia”: an unforgettable visit to the notorious local prison “Kresty” (“the Crosses”) which is over a 100 years old and still used for its original purpose, and to the cruiser “Aurora”, one of the most prominent symbols of the 1917 Revolution.

St. Petersburg has the world's biggest number of palaces, and has a great number of fascinating museum collections: The Hermitage (one of world's biggest and most famous museums; its most complete history was written by Geraldine Norman, our client); The Russian Museum, one of the best collections of Russian art; the gorgeous park of Peterhof with its palaces and unique fountains; marvelous Emperors' residences in the suburbs like Pushkin, Pavlovsk, Gatchina; Summer Garden with Peter's Summer Palace and sculptures.

Don't forget that Extra Class Language Center is located in the very heart of the city, five minutes walk from Dostoyevsky museum!

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Would you like to have a closer look at what learning Russian with Extra Class is like? Read what our students say! And don't forget: the experience exceeds all expectations!

Firstly many thanks to all who have made my time here most comfortable and enjoyable; to my host family, my teachers and the school staff you have given me much more than I ever expected.

Secondly, to Stas, you have opened up this city, and this country for me with your lessons and your knowledge of just about everything connected with Russia.

Because of your school I extended my stay here and I'm planning to come again next year and, hopefully, many more times in the future. I now regard St. Petersburg as my second home as in some ways Russians are very much like Australians.

This is not Goodbye, thanks for everything.

Benjamin James, Newcastle, Australia.

I'd like to thank you once again for your patient, funny and highly efficient way of teaching me Russian. I had a great time and I will recommend you to all my colleagues from the BBC. I also enjoyed the time I got to spend with the other teachers and their students. It's nice how you bring people from different cultures together and get them to interact and communicate. That's what today's world needs to break down barriers. Russian is the fifth foreign language I'm having a go at. Despite it being the most difficult one out of the lot my progress was the fastest and most comprehensive by comparison.
Kalle Kaub, BBC Moscow

“Extra-Class” is an excellent example of Perestroika which does not turn into “Katastroika”. Director Stanislav Chernyshov and his crew combine high-level language expertise in Russian with what you'd suppose to be more “Central-European” assets: professional preparation of the lessons, reliability and friendliness of the staff, extensive caretaking even far beyond the lessons. I especially appreciated the willingness to adopt to special needs of the student.
Walter Mayr, Der Spiegel

My month studying here has been wonderful. I have truly enjoyed my classes and have learnt a huge amount. The course has exceeded all my expectations. As a lecturer in Russian literature and culture, I have found the intellectual level of the course particularly enjoyable. I have not only improved my language skills but also explored many new aspects of Russian culture and had discussions on a huge variety of themes. My intellectual horizons have truly been broadened, and the ethos of the school in this respect is exceptional – a true understanding that a language and its culture cannot be separated. Stas is a fantastic teacher in all respects. I can admit now that there were very many areas of Russian grammar which have defeated me for years, but after one lesson with Stas everything became clear. I feel I have made a huge amount of progress in all areas of my Russian, and I also feel as though I have made some very good friends, with whom I will definitely stay in touch.

As a student of Russian language and culture, and more recently as a lecturer I have experience of both sides of the teacher-student relationship and can say without reservation that this has been by some distance the best language-learning experience that I have ever had, both the most useful and the most enjoyable.

Sarah Young, Lecturer in Russian Language and Literature

Dear Extra Class Team

There was so much to learn, I wish I could have stayed for many more weeks. I look forward to practicing my Russian in Moscow and also coming back for many visits to St. Pete's!

P.S. You were as wonderful as everyone has said!

Nancy Mc Entee, Deloitte Moscow

The classes were informal and entertaining. I've learned languages in the past but that was my best class!

Valery Rosier Belgium

Application Form

Name		
Country	In which consulate you apply for a visa	
Occupation	Passport #	Sex
Work / Study Address		
Date of Birth	Contact phone / fax	
Address	E-mail	
Arrival Date	Departure	
Mother Tongue	Hobbies	
Other Languages		
Course Type	Duration	
Previous visits to Russia	Level of Russian (1-6)	
Previous Russian Courses		
Materials Used		
Course Objectives		
Topics of Special Interest		
Special Demands	Teacher	
Cultural Program		
Accommodation	Diet	
Preferences		
Smoker / Non-smoker	Allergies	
Important Additional Information		

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Thank You!

Extra Class Language Center Course Description and Prices for the year 2007

All prices include: tuition, accommodation in a host-family (half board during the week, full board at weekends, single room), teaching material, transfer in and out, welcome package, visa support, one guided city tour.

Course Type	EUR per week (1 st 2 nd weeks)	EUR per week (additional weeks)
Group course 20 lessons/week	360	- 15%
Two-to-one 20 lessons/week	470	
Individual 15 lessons/week	550	
Individual 20 lessons/week	640	
Individual 30 lessons/week	800	
Individual 40 lessons/week	980	

Note that it is possible to combine a Standard Group Course with an additional one-to-one course accommodated to your personal needs (e.g. business, literature, etc.)

All students are asked to fill in the application form and to pass our Russian test (either online or by printing the test out and sending it by fax).

Classes start at 10 o'clock with a break after every lesson. Coffee and tea made with bottled water are available. Lunch break from 14:00 to 15:00 for those who have 6 or 8 lessons per day. Extra activities after 15 or 18 o'clock.

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**Peter the Great,
Founder of St.Petersburg**

“Liebe Extra-Class-Team, Vielen Dank fuer die wunderbare Zeit; ihr seit die beste Sprachschule die ich kenne! Alles Gute fuer die Zukunft!”

Anna Graf, Austria

“Dear friends,

No wedding planner could have thought up a better way to spend a honeymoon. We're so happy with our decision to come study at Extra Class! In just 3 weeks, John went from 0 level to reading texts and speaking about simple

things! And I feel like I really loosened up with my speaking and learned lots of new words. I picked up some teaching methodology, as well as Russian! I hope to come back again next time for a longer stay.

Thanks to all the teachers and staff for everything!”

Raquel Rodriguez, Lecturer of English, UAE University