COURSES AND ELECTIVES

Russian language courses are offered in the fall and spring semesters and are designed for students and faculty with different levels of Russian, from elementary to advanced.

Elementary-level courses focus on pronunciation and intonation, basic grammar structures, and basic vocabulary (survival Russian).

Intermediate- and advanced-level courses include reviewing Russian pronunciation and intonation, systematic review of grammar, increasing vocabulary, and developing fluency in different conversational situations.

Electives change due to availability and interest, but have included Conversational Practice, Russian in Mass Media, Russian through Politics, Advanced Russian Grammar and Composition through Literature and Film, and Selected Topics in Russian Literature.

Over the course of one semester, students take classes for 9 academic hours each week to earn a total of 6 ECTS credits. (One academic hour is 40 minutes.) International students who are only studying Russian (and not enrolled in HSE full-degree or visiting programmes) can study for 18 academic hours a week.

Each semester is divided into two modules and students can opt to complete only one module (8 weeks).
Our centre offers international students and faculty individually-designed instruction in the Russian language at all levels. Language courses are offered from beginning to advanced, along with a wide selection of elective courses. Studying in small groups, students will develop their reading, writing, and speaking skills through a unique combination of academic instruction, conversational practice with native speakers, and the latest technology in language instruction.

Our programmes range from short summer courses to our full-semester Foundation Course, which prepares students for university study in the Russian language. We have also introduced a new programme specifically designed for heritage speakers. For summer courses, in addition to our classroom instruction, HSE language tutors introduce students to life and culture in Moscow through extracurricular activities and conversational practice.

### INTENSIVE SUMMER SCHOOL OF RUSSIAN

(June 1 – August 7, 2015)

This 10-week-long programme is open to intermediate and advanced speakers of Russian. The programme is made up of 200 academic hours (20hrs/week).

Students in the programme live in HSE dormitories in central Moscow with Russian roommates. Electives for advanced speakers include Reading in Russian, Russian Phonetics and Intonation, and Russian Video Clips.

Programme cost includes:
- tuition
- dormitory accommodations
- tutor assistance
- visa processing
- airport transfers (arriving and departing)

### CULTURAL AND SOCIAL EVENTS

In addition to traditional cultural tours – Red Square and the Kremlin, Tretyakov Gallery, and the Abramtsevo Estate – the programme offers a ‘social’ tour to an unconventional country foster home for Russian orphans. There is a reading in English to precede each tour for those who wish to expand their knowledge ahead of the event.