

**DERZHAVIN
INSTITUTE**

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RUSSIAN

**LANGUAGE
SCHOOL**



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AT A GLANCE, HERE ARE THE KEY FACTORS WHY YOU SHOULD CHOOSE DERZHAVIN INSTITUTE IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO STUDY RUSSIAN IN RUSSIA:

1 Located in the most beautiful Russian city – St Petersburg

2 Quality of services provided accredited by European organization EAQUALS



3 Small groups with a maximum of 10 students per class

4 Professional academic staff

5 In-house published coursebooks



6 Smart Immersion Programmes

7 Official TRKI testing center

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8 Seasonal discounts and special offers for university students

9 A wide variety of interesting social activities and excursions



BONUS

Using the promo code BR20, you can get a 7% discount on the Standard group course with bookings from 1 to 8 weeks.

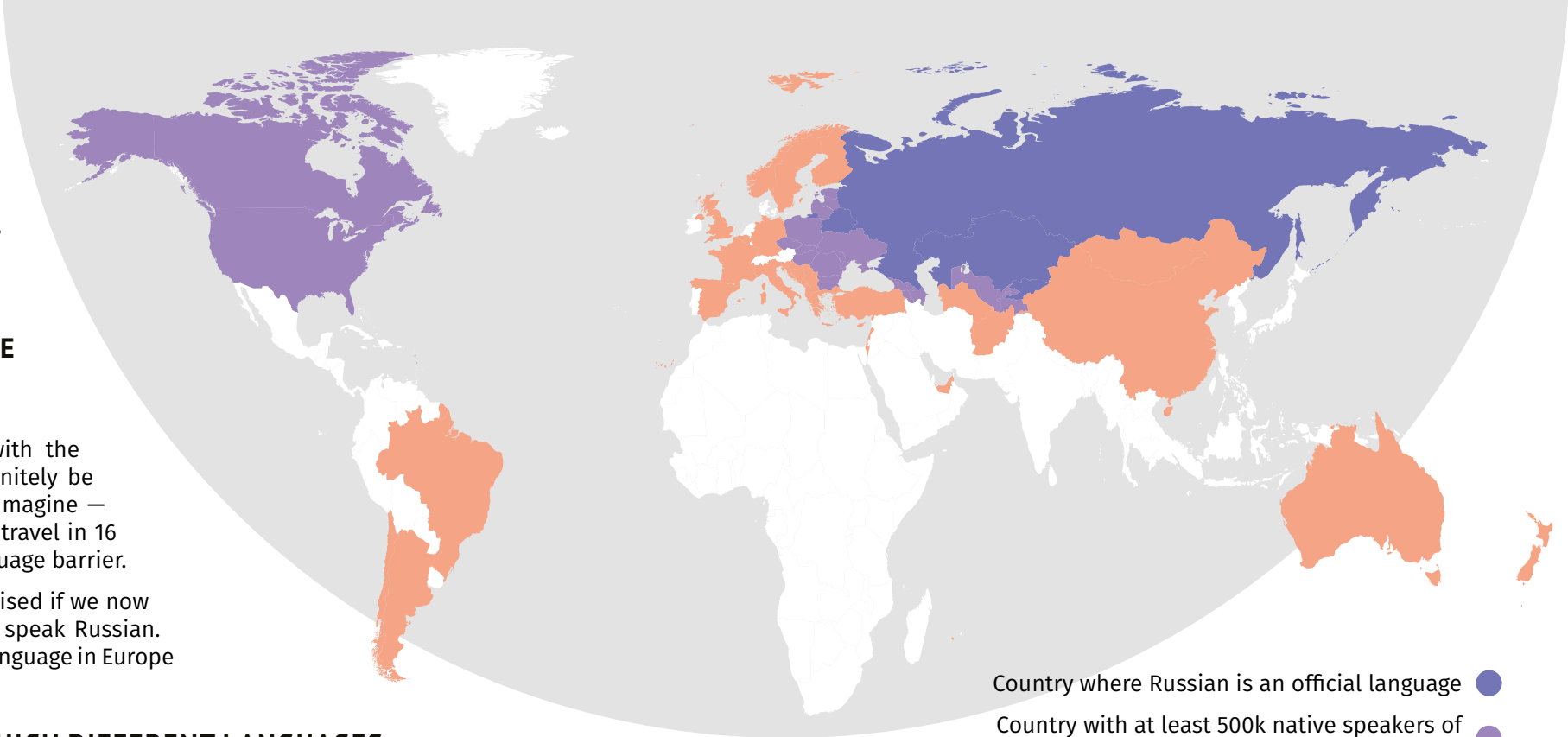
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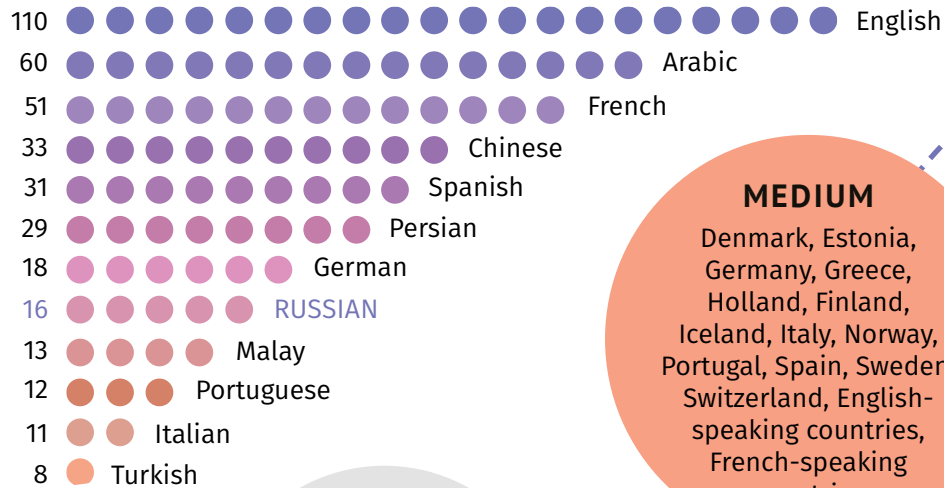
RUSSIAN IS THE NUMBER ONE MOST SPOKEN LANGUAGE IN EUROPE?

Although it's difficult to compete with the English language, Russian could definitely be called a wide-spread language. Just imagine — knowing Russian, you will be able to travel in 16 (!!!) different countries without a language barrier.

With that in mind, you won't be surprised if we now tell you that over 20% of Europeans speak Russian. The second most commonly spoken language in Europe is German, at 12%.



NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IN WHICH DIFFERENT LANGUAGES ARE SPOKEN



QUITE CHALLENGING
 China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Thailand, Turkey, Vietnam

MEDIUM
 Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Holland, Finland, Iceland, Italy, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, English-speaking countries, French-speaking countries

EASY
 Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia

for students from

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

YOU CAN ACHIEVE A CONSIDERABLE LEVEL OF FLUENCY IN RUSSIAN AFTER JUST OVER 800 HOURS?

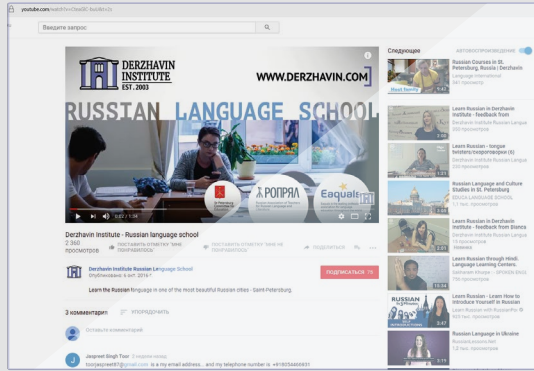
Russian is usually considered to be one of the most difficult languages in the world. One of the most popular misconceptions is that it takes ages just to learn the Cyrillic alphabet. But would you believe that we spend only the first 30 minutes of class learning the alphabet and right on the first day students start speaking and reading (not fluently of course — that would require another month or two)?

WHY DO OUR STUDENTS STUDY RUSSIAN?

- 30% ●●●● Love of Russian culture and literature
- 30% ●●●● To become translators and interpreters
- 15% ●●● For business reasons
- 10% ●● To increase their opportunities for a better job
- 5% ● To communicate with Russian relatives
- 5% ● To challenge themselves
- 5% ● Just for fun



WATCH OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL FOR MORE FEEDBACK FROM OUR STUDENTS

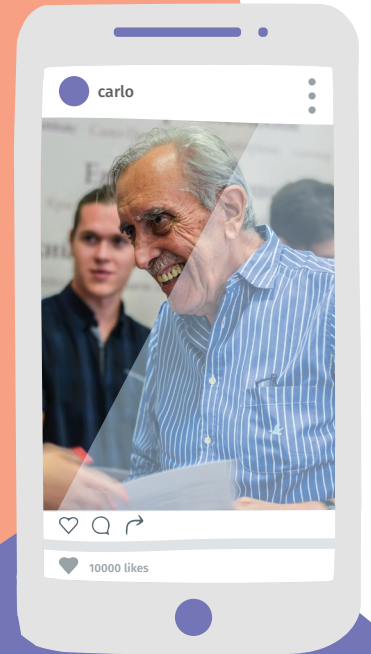


Mayuko was one of the most charming students whom we've ever had. She was chosen to be Miss Derzhavin in 2016 for her charming smile, contagious laughter and absolutely amazing voice. This small Japanese lady is an opera singer! Mayuko is in love with Russian culture and Russian figure skating. We hope she had a chance to say a few words in Russian to our world famous figure skater Evgenij Plushenko, when she took her picture with him.



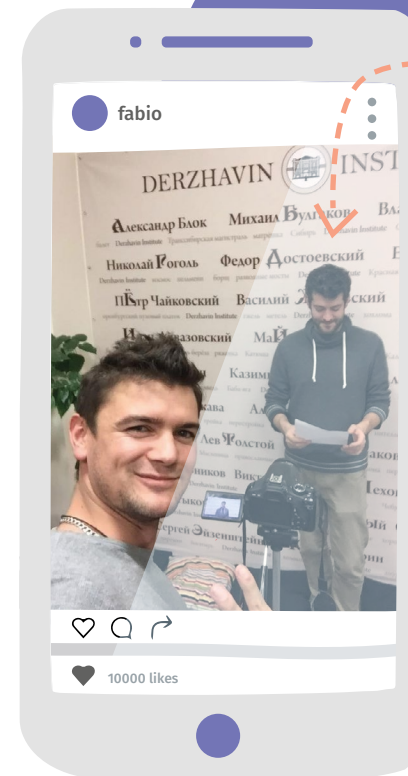
Carlo is our most loyal student. Would you believe that he has been coming to us every year for the last 11 years!!! In the beginning of July, we all expect a short e-mail starting with «Привет, друзья! Я снова буду в Петербурге ...» (Hello, my friends. I will be in St Petersburg again...). And we are always delighted when Carlo comes to our school at the end of July bringing a box of the tastiest Italian chocolates Gianduotti.

It is such a pleasure and such an honor for us to be chosen as a vacation destination 10 years in a row!



Fabio first came to our school in March 2016 with a very basic knowledge of the Russian language. He is a video operator and video editor in Italy and was hoping to get a position in a TV crew broadcasting the Confederation Cup 2017 and World Cup 2018. To realize his dream and work for these events in Russia, he needed quite a good level of Russian. He spent several months with us taking our Work and Study programme.

All our 2016-2017 videos were made by Fabio. Check out our youtube channel to see his work.



WHAT IS DERZHAVIN INSTITUTE?

Take this short quiz to learn a couple of new things not simply about our school, but also about the history of Russian and St Petersburg!

1 WHAT DOES THE WORD "DERZHAVIN" MEAN?

- A Derzhavin is the surname of the school founder
- B Derzhavin is a word in Russian that is impossible to pronounce
- C Derzhavin is a famous Russian poet

2 WHO IS THE FOUNDER OF THE SCHOOL?

- A Mr Gavriila Derzhavin
- B Mr Alexander Mokhov

3 WHY IS THE SCHOOL CALLED "DERZHAVIN INSTITUTE"?

- A Our founder is a big fan of 18th century poetry
- B The school was founded and located in the former residence of Gavriila Derzhavin
- C The name "Pushkin Institute" has already been taken so we took the name of the second most important poet

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The history of the school (though not a very long one) dates back to 2003 when the Museum of Derzhavin was opened in Gavriila Derzhavin's former residence on Fontanka River 118. The Russian language school was a part of the cultural and educational center and it's a great honor for us to be connected to an event of such historical significance.

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In 2003, Mr Alexander Mokhov was inspired to organize the Russian language school with two friends of his – Ms Natalia Pavlova and Ms Alevtina Iagodova. Young, energetic and enthusiastic, they believed in this new enterprise so much that they managed to survive through the hardest first year when we only had ONE student!!!!

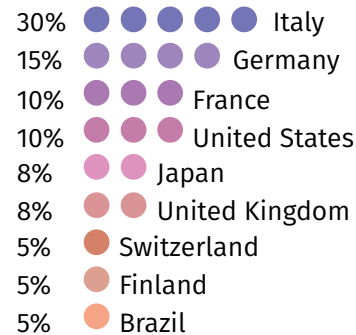
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If you think it's the founder of the school who was so proud of himself that he named a school after himself, you are a bit mistaken. And yes, "Derzhavin" is a proper name, not simply an unpronounceable word.

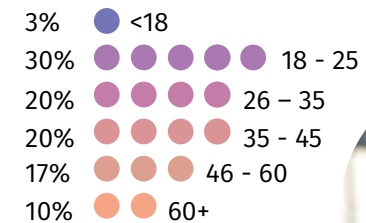
So the correct answer is C. The name of the school comes from the name of the person – Gavriila Derzhavin. Maybe you've heard about Catherine the Great or Alexander Pushkin...? Well, Gavriila Derzhavin also lived those times. He was a statesman of a high rank at the reign of Catherine the Great. And it was Gavriila Derzhavin who discovered the talent of Alexander Pushkin.

KEY FACTS ABOUT DERZHAVIN INSTITUTE

TOP NATIONALITIES



AGES



Mr Alexander Mokhov



	December till February	March till April	June till August	September till November
Average number of students in the school	30	50-60	100 - 130	40-50
Average class size	3-4	6-8	8-10	5-6
Average age of students in the school	35-40	25-35	18-30	25-35

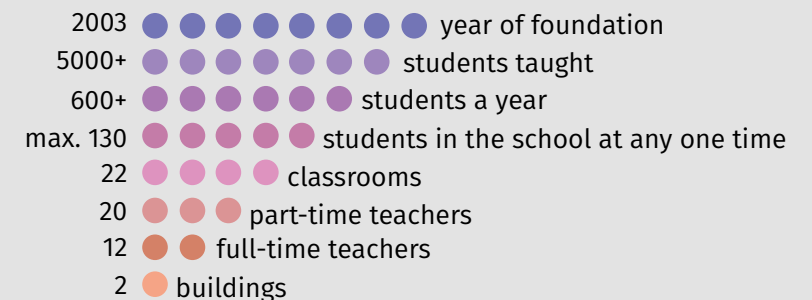


Our first student Kadzue



Mr Gavriila Derzhavin

STATISTICS



WHAT IS IMPORTANT WHEN YOU CHOOSE A LANGUAGE SCHOOL?

We are officially recognized by the Russian Association of Teachers for Russian Language and Literature (ROPRYL), which aims to disseminate the Russian language abroad through seminars and conferences organized in different European universities.

Our quality of teaching and Russian language programmes are also accredited by the Ministry of Education of the Russian Federation.

In 2009, we received accreditation from the German organization Bildungsurlaub.

In 2014, we received accreditation from EAQUALS.

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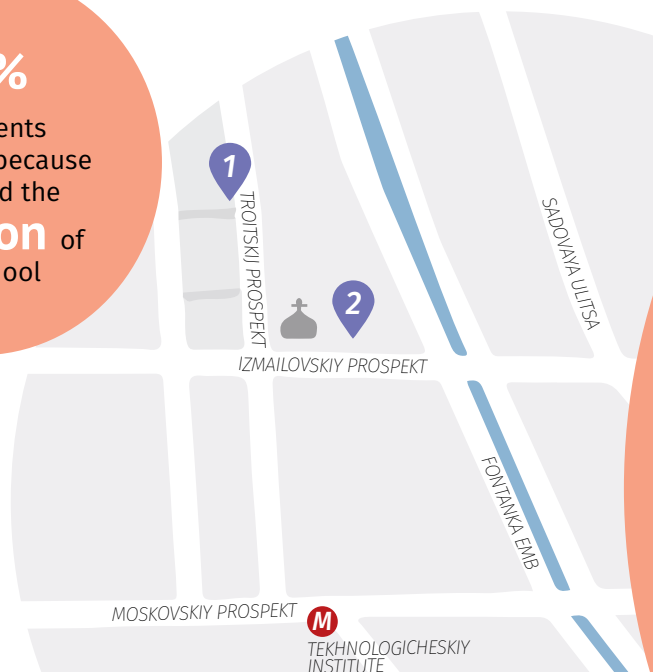
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LOCATION

- historic heart of St Petersburg
- beautiful 19th century buildings
- both buildings are located a 10 minute walk away from the metro station Technologicheskij Institute
- just 2 metro stops from the very centre of the city and its main street — Nevsky Prospekt
- 20 minutes walking from Mariinskij Theatre

70% of students choose us because they liked the **location** of the school

90% of our students said that the **quality of services** provided is most important for them



GENERAL STUDY CENTRE

ADDRESS:

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USED FOR:

- Standard course and other group classes
- Evening classes
- Administration

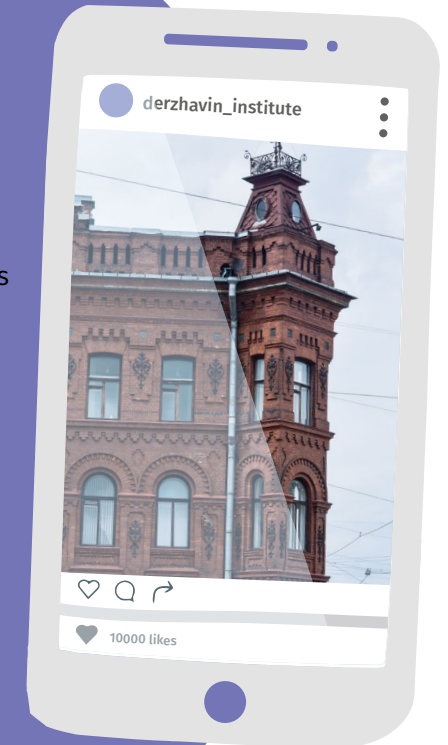
WORKING HOURS:

Monday – Thursday 09:00 – 21:45

Friday 09:00 – 18:00

FEATURES:

- 17 comfortable fully equipped classrooms
- A spacious common area with free tea and coffee
- A self-study room with a library for students and PCs for students' use
- Building-wide free wifi



SUMMER CENTRE

ADDRESS:

Izmailovskij prospekt 7

USED FOR:

- Individual full-time courses May – August

WORKING HOURS:

Monday – Friday 09:00 – 15:30

FEATURES:

- 10 spacious, modern decorated classrooms
- A common area with free tea and coffee
- Free internet access



WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

Carlo Visentin

I attended a two-week course this August and I must say that everything, from the organizational aspects to the quality of the teaching, exceeded my expectations. The managers were courteous, helpful and professional. The accommodation was satisfactory, located in the very heart of the city. The quality of the teaching staff remarkably high. I had the pleasure of working with Dar'ya Kovrizhkina for the Regular course and with Natal'ya Bochino for the Intensive (a course that I heartily recommend) and both deserve my utmost praise for their teaching skills, patience and professionalism. Moreover, Saint Petersburg is, needless to say, a city of incomparable and majestic beauty. Five stars well deserved.

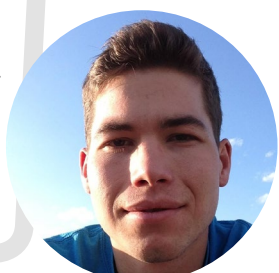


99%
of students
read the
feedback
about the
school



Andrew Lebaron

Excellent language school. I studied here for three weeks and made a lot of progress. The teachers were professional and very experienced with teaching. The coursework was carefully designed, and they placed me in the perfect language class for my level of understanding.



Giorgia Milone

Raccomando assolutamente a tutti questo istituto, dove io sono tornata per la seconda volta e dove spero di poter tornare ancora, per la serietà, la professionalità e la competenza degli insegnanti.



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[FACEBOOK.COM/DERZHAVININSTITUTE/](https://www.facebook.com/derzhavininstitute/)
OR ON OUR WEBSITE
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OUR CLIENTS

Derzhavin Institute hosts summer programme for:

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

two-month summer courses in St. Petersburg for Princeton undergraduates (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)



ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

two-month summer courses in St. Petersburg for students of intermediate to advanced levels (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)

RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY

an intensive two-month academic program at levels from absolute beginner to advanced (2016, 2018, 2019)



BATES COLLEGE

Fall Semester in Russia (2013)

SEVENOAKS SCHOOL

One-week spring closed group programme for students aged 14-17 (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)



We also cooperate with the following organizations and companies:

Consulate General of Sweden

Consolato Generale d'Italia
San Pietroburgo

Consolato Generale d'Italia Mosca

The Danish Cultural Institute

Red Cross

Mitsui & Co., Ltd

Sumitomo Corporation

Kesko Real Estate

Metro

Roccoforte Hotels

Four Seasons Hotels

TEACHING STANDARDS

for
70%
of students
**methods
of teaching**
and teaching staff
are important

Our students' feedback consistently attests to our excellent academic standards and services. Friendly and accessible, our tutors and instructors understand the needs of students and take an active role in planning Russian language courses and special programmes.

Most of our teachers are involved in writing teaching materials.

Although Russian is the only language spoken in the classroom, most of our teachers and staff speak several languages. Thus, in case any difficulties in communication arise, they are both willing and able to help students understand.



- 12 ● full-time teachers
- 20+ ●● part-time teachers
- 50% ●●● of our teachers have been working with us since the school was founded
- 40% ●●● of our teachers have Ph.Ds
- 90% ●●●● of our teachers have experience teaching Russian abroad



Emphasis is placed on a communicative approach and studying practical Russian. The main objective of each of our programmes is to enable students to realize their full language potential by creating a challenging and engaging classroom environment.

We take a flexible approach to teaching and carefully structure our courses to help students make quick progress. Whether you want to improve your fluency, widen your vocabulary, brush up on your grammar or enhance your listening skills, while studying with us, you are sure to achieve your learning objectives.

WHAT COURSEBOOKS WILL WE USE?

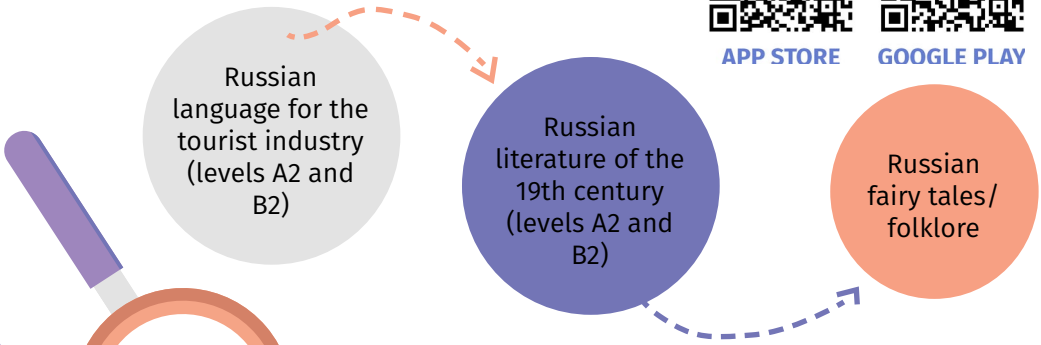
We use our own coursebooks for levels A1 and A2 — «Класс!» for standard group course classes. Aimed to appeal to a wide range of adult students, this book is a perfect example of a modern and colorful textbook for adult students. It includes grammar, vocabulary and conversation activities as well as audio and video supplements which can be used to practice listening and pronunciation.

KEY FEATURES:

- Colorful and motivating design
- Engaging content
- Practical everyday topics
- Focus on communication tasks
- Vocabulary lists for each unit, and audio transcripts
- Classroom audio available online
- Train thoroughly your vocabulary and grammar any time and anywhere with our DI-class apps



OTHER COURSEBOOKS WRITTEN BY THE SCHOOL'S TEACHERS INCLUDE:



ADDITIONAL SELF-STUDY MATERIAL AVAILABLE ONLINE AT DERZHAVIN.COM

WHAT LEVELS ARE TAUGHT IN THE SCHOOL?

Students are divided into groups according to their level of Russian language proficiency. Our 11 carefully formulated language levels (in accordance with The European Framework of Reference from A1 to C2) facilitate accurate placement into groups.

In order to determine their proper group placement, all students except complete beginners take a written placement test before arriving and have an oral interview on the first day of classes.

Common European Framework of References for Russian Language	US Levels	Our Levels	Weeks/ hours*	Exam
Mastery C2 Can understand with ease virtually everything heard or read. Can summarize information from different spoken and written sources, reconstructing arguments and accounts in a coherent presentation. Can express him/herself spontaneously, very fluently and precisely, differentiating finer shades of meaning even in more complex situations.	proficiency	C2	9 w./ 180 h.	TORFL-4 Test for Proficiency Level
Effective Operational Proficiency C1 Can understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognize implicit meaning. Can express him/herself fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions. Can use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes. Can produce clear, well-structured, detailed text on complex subjects, showing controlled use of organizational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices.	advanced	C 1.2	8 w./ 160 h.	TORFL-3 Test for the Third Certificate Level
		C 1.1	8 w./ 160 h.	
Vantage B2 Can understand the main ideas of complex texts on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in his/her field of specialization. Can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party. Can produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.	upper intermediate	B2.2	8 w./ 160 h.	TORFL-2 Test for the Second Certificate Level
		B2.1	8 w./ 160 h.	
Threshold B1 Can understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc. Can deal with most situations likely to arise whilst travelling in an area where the language is spoken. Can produce connected text on topics which are familiar or of personal interest. Can describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.	intermediate	B1.2	8 w./ 160 h.	TORFL -1 Test for the First Certificate Level
		B1.1	8 w./ 160 h.	
Waystage A2 Can understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment, etc.). Can communicate in order to fulfill simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters.	pre-intermediate	A2.2	4 w./ 80 h.	TBL Test for the Basic Level
		A2.1	4 w./ 80 h.	
Breakthrough A1 Can understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases in order to satisfy needs of a concrete type. Can introduce him/herself and others and can ask and answer questions about personal details. Can interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.	elementary	A1.2	4 w./ 80 h.	TEL Test for the Elementary Level
		beginner A1.1	4 w./ 80 h.	

HOW DO OUR PROGRAMMES WORK?

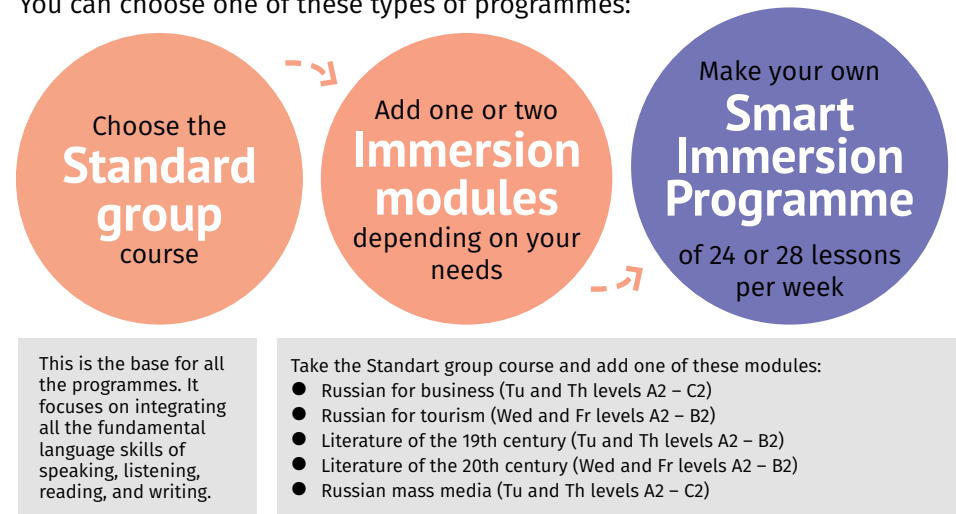
In the over 15 years that we have been teaching Russian, we have made several observations that might seem obvious, but that led us to the serious changes in the type of programmes that we offer:

- students are all different
- they have their own learning goals
- they have different reasons for studying Russian
- and they are interested in different aspects of the language

Therefore, we decided to offer a new system of language courses in 2018, called Smart Immersion Programmes.

HOW DOES THIS WORK?

You can choose one of these types of programmes:



ADVANTAGES AND BENEFITS OF SMART IMMERSION PROGRAMMES

- **More flexible system**
You can take group courses of 20, 24 or 28 lessons per week
- **More personalized system**
According to your individual learning goals, you can add specific immersion modules to your Standard course to make your own Smart Immersion Programme
- **More combinability in the immersion modules**
The convenient timetable of the immersion modules allows you to combine two language or specialization immersion modules - that would help you get more, even in a very short stay.

WHAT COURSE TYPE SHOULD I CHOOSE?

If you are a bit lost in the variety of courses we offer, take this short test. The most important question you have to answer — Why do you want to take a Russian language course with us?

Standard course

Lessons per week: 20
Timetable: Mon – Fri, 09.30 – 12.50
Levels available: A1 – C2

GENERAL COURSE

- if you want to combine the language course with lots of sightseeing
- if you want to stay with Russian friends and relatives and want to spend more time with them

Standard course

Grammar immersion module

Lessons per week: 24
Timetable: Mon – Fri, 09.30 – 12.50
Tue – Thu, 13.45 – 15.15
Levels available: A1 – C2

TO UNDERSTAND THE SYSTEM OF THE LANGUAGE

- if you want to revise the basic grammar
- if you need more a persistent and systematic approach to studying the language
- if you are aimed at taking university written tests

Standard course

Speaking immersion module

Lessons per week: 24
Timetable: Mon – Fri, 09.30 – 12.50
Wed & Fri, 13.45 – 15.15
Levels available: A1 – C2

TO ABLE TO SPEAK FLUENTLY IN EVERYDAY SITUATIONS

- if you want to improve oral fluency
- if you learn Russian mostly for communication
- if you are aimed at taking speaking/oral tests

Online courses

Skype lessons & webinars

Lessons per week: upon the request
Levels available: A1 – C2

TO LEARN THE LANGUAGE WHENEVER AND WHEREVER YOU WANT

- if you like to study at home with a cup of coffee or tea
- if you need an individual timetable
- if you want to improve your language skills in your country with a native speaker who is a professional teacher
- if you want to get prepared to your trip to Russia

new course in our school

Standard course

Russian for Business

Lessons per week: 24
Timetable: Mon – Fri, 09.30 – 12.50
Tue and Thu, 13.45 – 15.15
Levels available: A2 – C2

FOR BUSINESS REASONS

- if you study Russian for work and business
- if you have to deal with Russian partners
- if you are planning to start your own business in Russia

Standard course

Russian for Tourism Industry

Lessons per week: 24
Timetable: Mon – Fri, 09.30 – 12.50
Wed and Fri, 13.45 – 15.15
Levels available: A2 – B2

BECAUSE I WORK WITH RUSSIAN TOURISTS

- if you work in hotels and resorts
- if you need to communicate with clients from Russia

Standard course

Russian literature of the 20th century

Russian literature of the 19th century

Lessons per week: 24 or 28
Timetable: Mon – Fri, 09.30 – 12.50
Tue and Thu, 13.45 – 15.15
Wed and Fri, 13.45 – 15.15
Levels available: A2 – B2

BECAUSE I LOVE RUSSIAN CULTURE AND LITERATURE

- if you want to read Russian literature in original
- if you adore Russian culture and want to understand it deeper
- if you write university papers on Russian writers and poets

Standard course

Exam-preparatory course

Lessons per week: 30
Timetable: Mon – Fri, 09.30 – 12.50
13.45 – 15.15
Minimum number of weeks: 4
Levels available: A2 – C2

BECAUSE I NEED THE OFFICIAL TRKI CERTIFICATE

- if you want to enter a Russian University
- if you want to challenge yourself
- if you need additional motivation to study

Standard course

Internship programme

Lessons per week: 20
Timetable: Mon – Fri, 09.30 – 12.50,
Minimum number of weeks: 4 weeks of the course + 1-8 weeks of the Internship
Levels available: A2 – C2

FOR BETTER CHANCES TO FIND A GOOD JOB

- if you want to improve language competence and professional skills
- if you want to acquire professional international experience
- if you want to know how the Russian business works from the inside

one-to-one two-to-one

Lessons per week: upon request
Timetable: upon request
Levels available: A1 – C2

I HAVE QUITE SPECIFIC REASONS

- if you need individual approach
- if you have specific requirements to the course content

WHAT ACCOMMODATION SHOULD I CHOOSE?

We offer different accommodation types. To find the one that suits you best, first find what type of traveler you are:



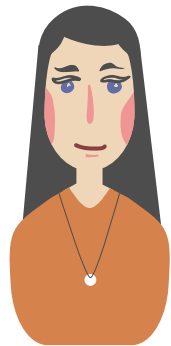
ADVENTURE SEEKER

- spends hours online finding the best deal
- values the experience of staying with locals
- is ready to deal with any problems they may encounter



CULTURAL EXPLORER

- seeks cultural enrichment
- wants to make connection with locals



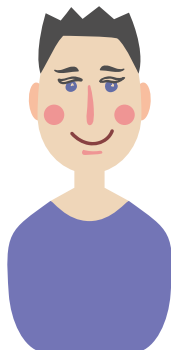
LUXURY TRAVELLER

- wants the place to be as similar to their home as possible
- appreciates comfort and is ready to spend money for that



INDEPENDENCE LOVER

- appreciates when travel planning goes smoothly
- needs privacy after a long day of study and sightseeing

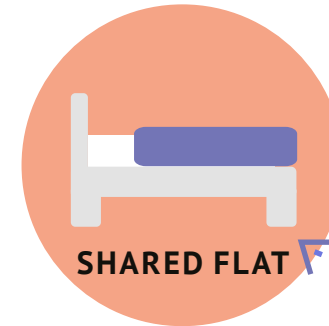


SOCIAL BUTTERFLY

- loves social aspects of travelling
- wants to meet people even when travelling alone
- loves parties and coming home late



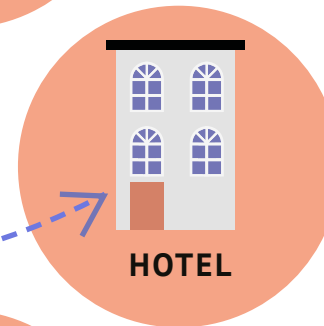
- 18 - 80+
- from 15 minutes walking to 50 minutes by public transport
- shared bathroom
- single or double rooms
- breakfast or halfboard (no cooking)



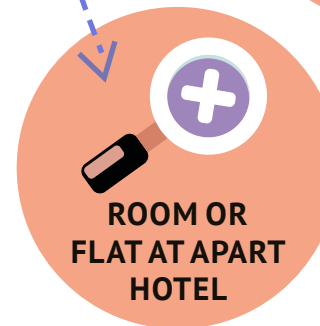
- 18 - 30
- 15 minutes walking
- single or double rooms
- shared bathroom
- shared kitchen



- 30 - 80+
- 10 minutes walking
- single or double rooms
- en-suite bathroom
- en-suite kitchen



- 18 - 80+
- 10 minutes walking
- single or double rooms
- En-suite bathroom
- No cooking facilities



- 18 - 80+

SEE MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS AT DERZHAVIN.COM

WHAT IS THERE TO DO AFTER THE LESSONS?

Our weekly social programme has something for students of all ages and interests. On the first day of classes, students receive a list of social activities for the coming week with details of dates and prices, if applicable.

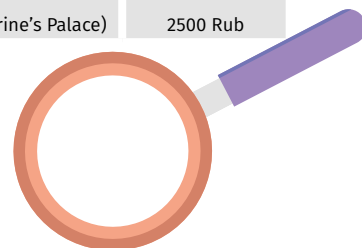
The social programme will help students get to know one another and members of staff. Also, by taking them out of the classroom, these activities enable our students to practice Russian in social settings and real-life situations. Students also gain an in-depth understanding of Russian through our regular cultural activities, including Russian Song lessons, Russian Folk Art lessons, and Russian Film Screenings, all of which are offered free of charge.



SAMPLE PROGRAMME

		Examples of activities	Fee
Monday	Information day	Meeting for new students and Orientation tour	Free
Tuesday	In-school activities	Russian Craft Lesson	Free
Wednesday	Main sights	Excursion to the Hermitage	500 Rub
Thursday	Walking tours	Myths and Legends of St. Petersburg	300 Rub
Friday	Informal activities	Shooting club	
Saturday	Suburbs	Excursion to Tsarskoe Selo (Catherine's Palace)	2500 Rub

CHECK OUR WEBSITE TO SEE THE PROGRAMME FOR THE CURRENT WEEK AT DERZHAVIN.COM



START LEARNING RUSSIAN NOW!

Even from home, you have a chance to learn Russian on your own or to talk to Russian native-speakers. Here are just a couple of opportunities that we offer.

YOUR FIRST WORDS IN RUSSIAN

A video course for complete beginners. It starts with the alphabet, covers about 10 of the most useful phrases in Russian and includes separate episodes each for the conjugation of the most frequently used verbs in Russian. After you've watched and listened to all of them, you will definitely feel more comfortable here in St Petersburg even if it is your first time in Russia.



RUSSIAN TONGUE TWISTERS

A video course for the students of A2 – C2 levels who want to improve their pronunciation and intonation.



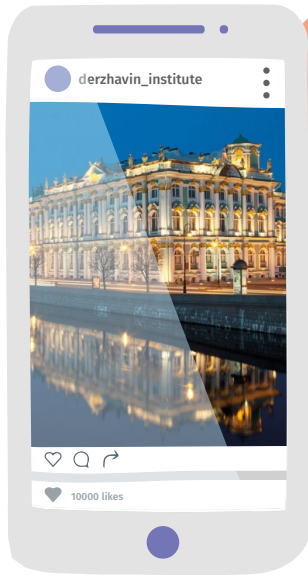
LANGUAGE TANDEM

Tandem language learning is a method based on mutual language exchange between tandem partners. In a language-tandem, two students with different native languages communicate together as a pair

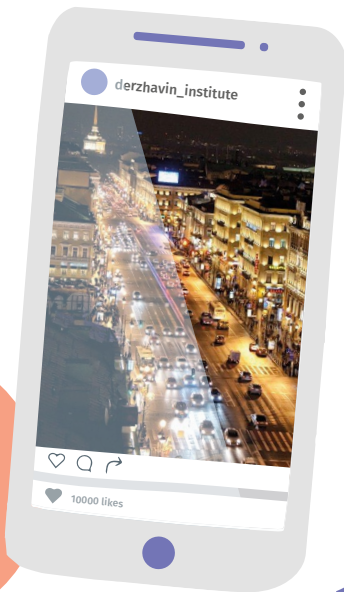
in order to learn each other's languages and to learn more about the other person and his or her culture.

DO YOU KNOW ST PETERSBURG WELL?

Have you already been to St Petersburg? Would you like to know more about our beautiful city? Here is a short quiz for you. Enjoy!



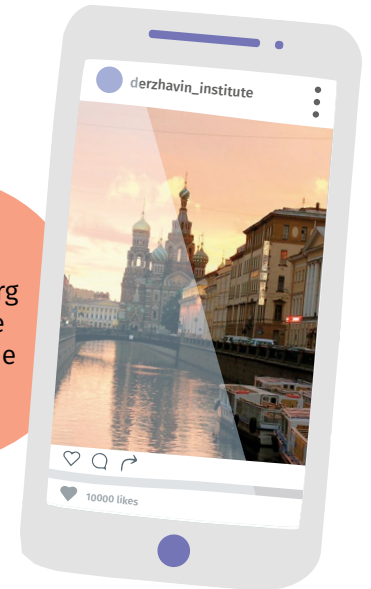
Why is visiting the Hermitage called "cultural fitness"?



What is the most crowded place in St Petersburg?



Are Tsarskoe Selo and the town of Pushkin two different places?



Why is St Petersburg called "The Venice of the North"?

According to statistics, 2 million people go through Nevsky Prospekt every day. But even if you get lost in this crowd of people, you will see lots of interesting things on Nevsky.

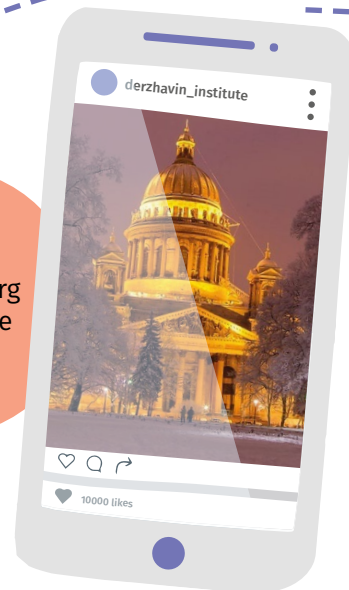
The main dome of the St Isaac's Cathedral is gilded with 100 kg of pure gold! And on top of that, it has one of the highest observation platforms of St Petersburg with 360-degree panoramic views from the 43rd floor.

Tsarskoe Selo is a park and palace ensemble in the town called Pushkin. In this cozy and beautiful town, the poet Pushkin studied at the Lyceum.

Saint Petersburg is comprised of 42 islands and 40 rivers.

Because if you visited everything in one go, you'd spend a total of about 20 km walking.

The greatest technological achievement of Peterhof is that all of the fountains operate without the use of any pumps at all.



Where in St Petersburg can you see 100 kg of gold?



Why could Peterhof Park Ensemble be called a technological wonder of the 17th century?

USEFUL INFORMATION

WHAT VISA TYPE DO I NEED IN ORDER TO STUDY AT DERZHAVIN INSTITUTE?

All foreign travelers to Russia require an entry visa. The school can provide applicants with an invitation letter, which is necessary to obtain an entry visa.

There are several different visa types which can be used to enter Russia; they differ in terms of the length of stay in Russia and number of entries into the country.

- Students from **non-Schengen countries** who wish take a short term course (**up to 4 weeks**) are provided with an invitation letter **for a tourist visa**. Tourist visas are valid for up to **30 days** and allow only a single entry into Russia. The invitation letter can be provided within several days of application. An e-mail copy of the invitation is enough to apply for a tourist visa in a Russian Consulate or Embassy or approved, dedicated visa centre. Tourist visas can't be prolonged in Russia. **The application deadline is 4 weeks** prior to the start of your course.
- Students from **non-Schengen countries** who wish to take a long term course (**4 weeks +**) are provided with an invitation letter **for a study visa**. Study visas are valid for a **maximum of 90 days**. The invitation can be provided within 30 days of application and the original copy is required to get the visa. The original invitation is posted to the students via an express courier service (the post expenses are added to the invoice). **The application deadline is 8 weeks** prior to the start of your course.
- Citizens of **Schengen countries** who come for the course **from 1 to 12 weeks** are provided with a **simplified study visa support**. The school will issue an invitation and send an e-mail copy. Simplified study visas are valid for a **maximum of 90 days**. **The application deadline is 4 weeks** prior to the start of your course.

IMPORTANT

- The Institute sends invitation letters only after full payment for the programme is made.
- Tourist and study visas cannot be prolonged in Russia. Students who are taking long-term courses will have to leave Russia and apply for a new visa either in their home country or in Estonia or Finland (please check with the consulate for the exact terms and conditions if you are applying for a visa outside your home country)

WHAT IS 'VISA REGISTRATION?' IS IT COMPULSORY?

All the foreigners have to be registered within 7 working days upon arrival **at the place of their actual stay**. If accommodation is booked through the school, the school will take care of the first visa registration (it is included in the application fee and is done within the first three days of classes).

If students travel during their stay (to Moscow or other cities in Russian or go abroad) **a new registration has to be made at an extra cost of 25-40 euro** depending on the duration of the stay.

If students book accommodation on their own, they are advised to make sure the flat owner is prepared to complete their visa registration for them.

IS THE INSTITUTE CLOSED FOR ANY HOLIDAYS?

Derzhavin Institute is closed on public holidays. Please see the price list for details of specific closure dates. Unlike other schools, **we will reduce the course fee in case a course falls on a day off or a public holiday**.

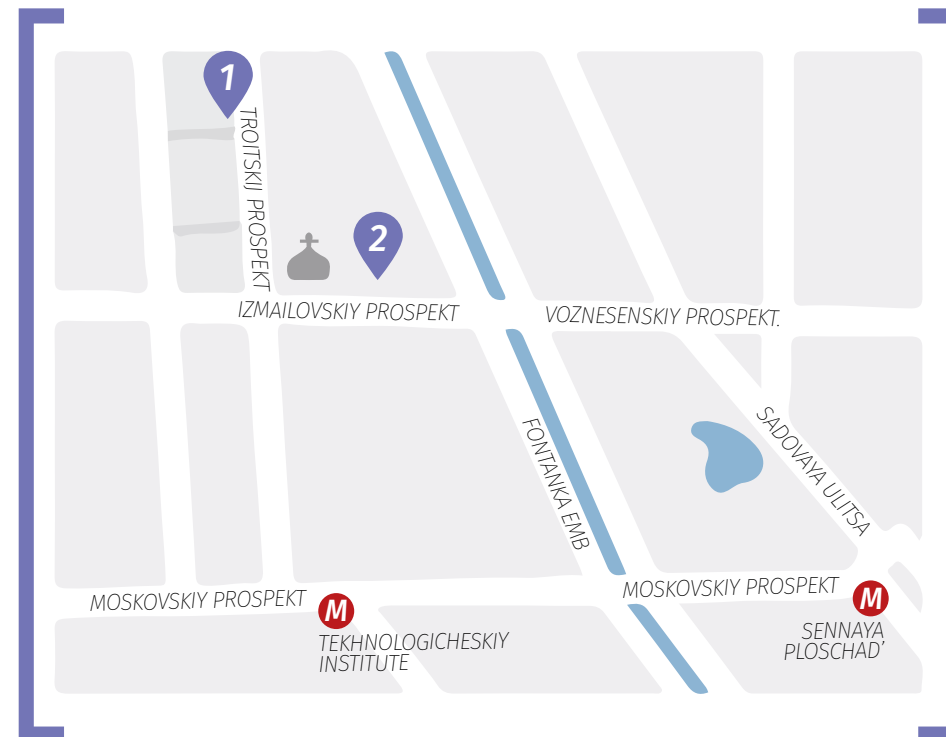
WHAT DO I HAVE TO TAKE WITH ME TO THE INSTITUTE ON THE FIRST DAY?

On the first day of classes at Derzhavin Institute, students are asked to arrive at 8:45 for their course introduction and placement test, to bring their passport (with Russian visa), immigration card, one small photo (for the student card), and a great desire to start learning Russian.

LOCAL TIME

Russia has 11 time zones, and St. Petersburg is in the same zone as Moscow: UTC/GMT +3. So, when it's 12:00 in St. Petersburg, it's 04:00 in New York, 09:00 in London, 10:00 in Berlin and 20:00 in Sydney.

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