



## **RUSSIAN SUMMER LANGUAGE INTENSIVE IN BISHKEK**

### **Six week program: June 8 to July 24, 2022**

**Bard College is excited to announce a new Russian Summer Language Intensive to be held at the American University of Central Asia in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, Bard's longstanding partner in Central Asia. The program will combine intensive study of the Russian language with an academic course taught in English to contextualize Central Asia's historical, cultural and contemporary ties to Russia and the former Soviet Union.**

**Application Deadline: March 4, 2022**  
**For more information and to apply:**  
[bit.ly/RSLIBishkek](https://bit.ly/RSLIBishkek)

#### **Academic Program**

This six-week program will consist of two four-credit courses: *Beginners to Intermediate: Transitional Russian Language Course* and *Post-Soviet Central Asia: Sovereignty, Community, and Cultural Self-Expression*. Students will have additional academic opportunities including Russian Table Lunches, homework sessions, and extracurricular programming.

#### **Cultural Program**

The extensive cultural program will introduce participants to the culture, history, society and natural beauty of Kyrgyzstan. Programming will include weekly excursions in Bishkek, and trips to sights of interest in Kyrgyzstan including the stunning Lake Issyk-Kul and Ala-Archa Nature Park.

#### **Homestays**

Participants will stay with local Russian-speaking families in Bishkek, giving them the opportunity to experience daily life in Kyrgyzstan while immersing themselves in a Russian language environment. Homestays will include two meals a day during the week and three meals on weekends.

**Beginners to Intermediate:  
Transitional Russian Language Course**  
*4 credits*

This Russian language course aims to improve communication, reading, and writing skills of students who have completed two semesters of Russian studies at their home institutions in preparation for an Intermediate-level Russian language course in the fall. The goal of the course is to bring students' vocabulary and grammar to a more sophisticated level, expanding their beginner lexicon of approximately 800-1,000 words to twice as much through six weeks of dialogues, hands-on reading and comprehension exercises, writing drills, and other activities connected to the group's co-current study of the rich history, natural beauty, and the unique cultural character of Central Asia.

**Post-Soviet Central Asia: Sovereignty,  
Community, and Cultural Self-Expression**  
*4 credits*

This course addresses a variety of issues such as the incorporation of Central Asia into the Russian Empire, reforms of the Bolsheviks, the creation of Soviet nationalities, Perestroika and the collapse of the Soviet Union. The course will explore changes experienced by Kyrgyz and other Central Asian traditional cultures during the Soviet period, the development of Soviet professional culture, the process of ethnic and religious awakening, and the revival of Islam and Islamic values in the socio-political life of the region. It will further reflect on nation and state-building in the newly independent states of Central Asia, their recent political and economic developments, and their relationships with Russia and other political actors in Eurasia.



**TUITION & SCHOLARSHIP**

**Program fee: \$7,500 for eight credits**  
**Program fee includes tuition, housing, meals, visa support, and one group flight.**  
**Scholarships are available.**

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