



### Program Levels

The STARTALK Russian Language & Culture Immersion Program faculty consists of enthusiastic native-speakers, with strong pedagogical skills and experience in immersion program work. Students can expect a serious academic atmosphere that will enhance their skills in speaking, reading, listening, and writing. Instruction will be provided at the following levels:

#### Beginning Russian:

Students with no previous language study or with no more than one semester of study.

#### Intermediate Russian:

One year or two semesters of Russian language study.

#### Advanced Russian:

Two years or four semesters of Russian language study.

Selected participants will be tested to determine entrance-level proficiency and placed in appropriate learning cohorts. Those admitted must commit to fully apply themselves to the program and to follow it to completion. Participants pledge to speak exclusively in Russian throughout the program.



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**[http://www.csun.edu/russianstudies/  
index.shtml](http://www.csun.edu/russianstudies/index.shtml)**

California State University  
**Northridge**

**STARTALK Russian  
Language & Culture  
Immersion Program  
Summer 2013**



California State University, Northridge (CSUN) is offering an exceptional opportunity to college students to develop foreign language skills in Russian. Students who take advantage of this program will gain cross-cultural experience that will give them a competitive edge in today's growing international business community. We encourage you to join us for the Startalk Russian Language & Culture Immersion Program at California State University, Northridge .



### CSUN Campus

California State University, Northridge is located in the San Fernando Valley below the Santa Susana Mountains, in the community of Northridge within the City of Los Angeles. It has become the third largest university in the California State University System and the fourth largest overall in California.

### Housing

All non-high school STARTALK Russian Language & Culture Immersion Program participants are encouraged to stay on campus in student housing for the duration of the summer program. All two bedroom suites include spacious bathrooms, fully equipped kitchens, balconies, internet, and access to recreational facilities, including three swimming pools, basketball courts, and a sand volleyball court. <http://housing.csun.edu/>



# STARTALK Russian Summer Language Program

## Overview

The STARTALK Russian Language & Culture Immersion Program at California State University, Northridge, funded by the National Security Language Initiative, offers a curriculum that promotes and strengthens participating students' knowledge and understanding of modern Russian culture, society, economics, and media. All participants engage in coursework and activities designed to support ongoing language skill development. A key goal of the program is to connect the language development of each student with the content in his or her academic discipline via authentic written material and oral interaction in the target language. The program consists of:

- A 6-week residential or extended day summer program where students receive in-class language instruction in the mornings and afternoons and participate in cultural activities in the target language in the evenings. The program includes in-class language instruction, evening and weekend cultural activities, mentorship with native Russian speakers, seminars with experts on Russian culture, and field excursions to Russian cultural venues, businesses, and communities.



## Program Costs

### Residential Program 2013:

College students, will stay on campus housing. High school students will commute. All students will participate in the guest lectures, field trips, and weekend activities.

### Dates

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| Application Due | March 15, 2013 |
| Program Begins  | June 2, 2013   |
| Program Ends    | July 12, 2013  |

## STARTALK Funding

For accepted students, STARTALK will cover tuition, dormitory, field trips, lectures, and partially food. Acceptance is on a competitive basis.



## Semester Units Available

Upon completion of the program, students may be eligible to receive 6 credit units.

For students who wish to receive credit units for their summer study at CSUN, the following fees apply:

- For non-CSUN students, it is \$380 per unit.
- For enrolled CSUN students, it is \$295 per unit.