

Europa VII: 2020
TKC Summer Study Program in Russia
(Moscow and Saint Petersburg)
May 11 to June 3, 2020



Study and experience Russian history, politics, and literature in Moscow and Saint Petersburg with Professors Tubbs and Campbell!

The TKC Summer Study in Russia program begins with a week of classes in NYC and then two and a half weeks in Russia. The trip will begin with six days in Moscow, the capital of Russia with its deep historic roots, followed by twelve days in Saint Petersburg, the baroque western capital of modern Russia. Students will earn six hours of academic credit.

THE BASICS

CLASSES

Students will take two three-credit courses during three weeks of study and travel in Moscow and Saint Petersburg, with the first week of study in NYC on campus.

HIS/HUM 398: ST: Russian History, Politics, and Literature I (3): This course explores the history, politics, and literature of the Russian people with an emphasis on the 19th and 20th centuries, from the final decades of the tsarist era through the fall of the Soviet Union, through the lens of Russia's two largest cities, Moscow and St. Petersburg. Topics covered will include Russian imperialism, serfdom and emancipation, Russian Orthodoxy, monasticism, the Bolshevik Revolution, Soviet collectivization, the Stalinist purges, Perestroika, and the emergence of the contemporary Russian state. We will read and discuss a wide range of literature, including the work of writers such as Gogol, Tolstoy, Dostoevsky, Akhmatova, Bulgakov, and Solzhenitsyn. While in the country, we will visit landmarks and museums which connect directly to the history we are considering, including Red Square and the Kremlin, the Gulag Museum, Tolstoy's house in Moscow, the Akhmatova and Dostoevsky Museums in St. Petersburg, Hermitage Museum, Peterhof Palace, Peter and Paul Cathedral, St. Isaac's Cathedral, and more. The course will begin with a week of lectures and discussions in New York City, with further lectures, discussions, and on-site visits in Russia, followed by a research paper due after our return.

HIS/HUM 498: ST: Russian History, Politics, and Literature II (3): This course, a continuation of HIS/HUM/PPE 398 will continue to explore the history, politics, and literature of the Russian people with an emphasis on the 19th and 20th centuries, from the final decades of the tsarist era through the fall of the Soviet Union, through the lens of Russia's two largest cities, Moscow and St. Petersburg. Topics covered will include Russian imperialism, serfdom and emancipation, Russian Orthodoxy, monasticism, the Bolshevik Revolution, Soviet collectivization, the Stalinist purges, Perestroika, and the emergence of the contemporary Russian state. We will read and discuss a wide range of literature, including the work of writers such as Gogol, Tolstoy, Dostoevsky, Akhmatova, Bulgakov, and Solzhenitsyn. While in the country, we will visit landmarks and museums which connect directly to the history we are considering, including Red Square and the Kremlin, the Gulag Museum, Tolstoy's house in Moscow, the Akhmatova and Dostoevsky Museums in St. Petersburg, Hermitage Museum, Peterhof Palace, Peter and Paul Cathedral, St. Isaac's Cathedral, and more. The course will begin with a week of lectures and discussions in New York City, with further lectures, discussions, and on-site visits in Russia, followed by a research paper due after our return.

HUM 309: Russian Culture and Language (1): All students who are traveling to Russia are required to enroll in a one-hour practicum class that will meet, on average, once a week for an hour during the spring semester. This class will be devoted to preparing for time in Russia and will include basic language instruction, cultural etiquette, safety issues, and more. This class will be graded pass/fail.

COSTS

Direct Expenses (paid to The King's College)	Student	Alumni
Tuition (six hours)	\$4,770*	\$3,770
Housing (including breakfast):	\$1,250	\$1,250
Program Fees (administrative and academic)	\$1,250	\$1,250
Total Direct Expenses:	\$7,270	\$6,270
Indirect Expenses (for which the Students/Alumni are responsible)_____ Cost		
Air Fare	\$1,000	\$1,000
Meals (\$30 per day)	\$700	\$700
Personal/Miscellaneous:	\$450	\$450
Russian Visa	\$250 - \$400	\$250 - \$400
Total Indirect Expenses (Approximate):	\$2,400-2,550	\$2,400-2,550
Total Expenses (Direct and Indirect)	\$9,670-9,820	\$8,670-8,820

****Graduating Seniors who do not need academic credit can pay a flat audit fee of \$3,700 rather than \$4,770 for tuition to participate in the program. Although such students will not be required to submit academic work, they are expected to participate fully in the classroom meetings and fieldtrips and are responsible for course readings.***

Explanation of Costs:

Tuition: Regular tuition for six hours of academic credit is \$9,540. However, students participating in Europa receive a 50% discount. The six hours of tuition will cost only \$4,770. Institutional aid is not available for the summer study programs. Federal aid, however, is. See FAQs below.

Housing: The housing fee includes housing while abroad in Moscow and Saint Petersburg. Students who need on-campus housing during the week in NYC, will pay an additional \$250 housing fee for those costs.

Generally, students will share a room with one other program participant. Additionally, breakfast will be provided at hotels while abroad. Students can expect to have standard hotel amenities at all locations.

Program Fees: The general program costs include all in-country transportation, textbooks, as well as admission to museums and other cultural institutions. Also included will be periodic special events such as shared meals, evening cultural events (concerts, opera, ballet etc.) as well as day trips outside Moscow and Saint Petersburg proper. This fee also covers general administrative expenses before, during, and after the trip. Note: All direct expenses, \$7,270, must be paid to the college before the program begins.

FAQS

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Is there a limit to the number of students that can go? Yes. There is a cap of twenty students.

Can non-TKC students, family or friends attend? No, not at this time.

Can TKC Alumni attend? Yes. For the first time, the college is allowing TKC alumni to participate in the summer Europa program. As outlined below, all current students and alumni will have to have taken either Dr. Campbell's *LIT 461: 19th Century Russian Novels* class or Dr. Tubbs' *POL 398: Russia and the West* class to go on the trip. Further, rather than paying for tuition, alumni will pay a participation fee of \$3,700 in addition to the program fee (\$1,250) and housing fee (\$1,250). Participating Alumni will not be expected to complete the academic work required of students and they will not be required to attend the NYC portion of the trip (although they are welcome to do so if they are available).

Do I have to take the classes to attend the program? Yes. This is an academic venture. All students, whether still enrolled at King's or recently graduated (within the previous twelve months), must enroll in the two classes either for credit or audit. Seniors who graduate in the fall of 2019 or spring of 2020 may still attend the summer program but must pay tuition for the two classes if they need the course credit. If, however, such students do not need the credit, he or she can pay a flat audit fee of \$3,770 to participate in the program.

While academic work will not be required for auditing students/graduates, they will be expected to fully participate in all program activities. Note: there is a limit to the number of students who can audit the courses in order for the program to be financially viable. Preference for auditors will be given to 2019-20 graduates and overall GPA.

What if I only need three hours of academic credit rather than six hours? Students who only need to enroll in one of the two classes being offered may select which one they want to enroll in for credit. They must, however, enroll in the second class as an audit. Tuition for one class is \$2385. The audit fee for the second class is \$1,885 for a total of \$4,270 (for the six hours).

If I have a full-tuition scholarship during the regular academic year at King's does that mean I don't have to pay tuition for the summer program? Students who receive a full-tuition scholarship during the regular academic year will still have to pay the tuition cost for the summer program. This also applies to students in any exchange programs at King's who benefit from reduced tuition or who are in a tuition remission situation because of a parent's employment at the college.

Can I find my own housing overseas and not pay the housing costs? No, that is not possible, as all students will be living together while overseas. This is part of the dynamic

created for the program. Living in different locations also creates problems, logistically speaking, when moving about the cities as a group. Exception: if you currently live off campus, you will not need to be in campus housing for the first week in NYC.

Is there a GPA or class year requirement? The program will give preference to rising juniors and seniors with a cumulative GPA of 2.8. Rising sophomores will be considered for the program if there is room. Students who do not meet the GPA requirement may still apply but will need to explain on their application why they are academically prepared to participate in the program despite not having the requisite GPA.

Are there any course prerequisites? Yes. All students will have to have taken either Dr. Campbell's *LIT 461: 19th Century Russian Novels* or Dr. Tubbs' *POL 398: Russia and the West* to go on the trip. If you have any questions regarding this issue, reach out to either Dr. Tubbs or Dr. Campbell.

When can I apply for the program and when are applications due? Applications will be available online by Tuesday, November 5, 2019. They are due at the end of the business day on Friday, December 13, 2019.

Is federal financial aid available? Yes, but it's a bit tricky. Make an appointment to talk about this with Anna Peters, the Director of Financial Aid. She'll be able to guide you through your options. Note: institutional financial aid awarded during the 2019-20 school year does not apply to the summer study programs.

Can I fundraise like the students who participate in International Ventures? No. This is not a missions or outreach type of trip. Any money you receive from friends and family for this trip is not tax-deductible.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Who is teaching the classes? Dr. Tubbs and Dr. Campbell will be jointly teaching both classes although each will focus on his area of expertise: politics and literature, respectively. Dr. Bleattler, will assist with the spring practicum and the first week of the summer program in NYC as needed.

Are classes taught in Russian? No. Classes are taught in English. For students with little to no Russian language experience, the TKC library has access to Rosetta Stone, the language learning software. Students can access this resource both on and off campus. And, as stated earlier, students enrolled in the program will take a one-hour practicum course during the spring semester to help prepare them for the cultural exchange and to learn some basic tourist-level Russian. The class will be offered on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 pm.

Where are classes held? Most of the "classroom" type teaching will take place during the first week in NYC. During the time in Russia, class time will be scheduled as needed and the setting may be informal.

When are classes scheduled? During the week in NYC, classes will take place in the morning and afternoon with a lunch break in between. Once overseas, the days will be scheduled based on that day's topics and field trips. Generally, evenings will be free. Students will also have a few days off from program-related activities to rest or to pursue independent activities.

Will I have homework? Yes. There will be readings as well as standard writing assignments. The course will be no different than a regular TKC class—with the exception of much of it being taught in Russia. The courses will be structured so that some reading will be finished before arrival in Moscow and the main writing assignment will be due after students return to the United States. Syllabi for the classes will be available in March 2020.

What school supplies will I need? Students will need to bring an electronic device of some sort for note taking and accessing the Internet (Wi-Fi will be available in all the hotels and housing). The program will provide students with all textbooks; when possible, texts in a digital format will be provided for easier transport.

How will these classes count in my major/minor? If you are a/an

MCA major, the classes will count as	MCA or open electives
ENG major, the classes will count as	ENG or open electives
JCS major, the classes will count as	Open electives
HUM major, the classes will count as	HUM or open electives
PPE major, the classes will count as	Open electives
PHL major, the classes will count as	Open electives
BUS major, the classes will count as	Open electives
FIN major, the classes will count as	Open electives
HIS minor, the classes will count as	Minor electives

TRAVELING TO, FROM, AND IN EUROPE

Who is responsible for purchasing flights to and from Europe? Students will be responsible for their flights into Moscow and out of Saint Petersburg. This allows students and their families the opportunity to shop around for the best prices as well as to use Frequent Flyer miles. This will also allow students to fly to and from our locations from anywhere. Students who plan to continue to travel after the program ends will have the freedom to book their flights at will. The program will cover one-way transportation (train) between Moscow and Saint Petersburg. Note: students may opt to fly out of Russia via Saint Petersburg or take a train back to Moscow and leave from there. The train back to Moscow, if taken, is at the student's own expense.

All students will need to arrive in Moscow on Sunday, May 17--no later than noon. Students who arrive at other times or at other airports will need to make their own arrangements to get into the city and to the hotel.

Once I'm accepted into the program can I purchase my flights to and from Europe?

No. Do not purchase flights until the program director has given the ok to do so. The go ahead to purchase usually takes place in early February. This is the so-called "point of no return" when enough funds have been collected to finance the program. Until that point is reached there's always a chance that if a certain number of students drop out, the venture becomes financially unfeasible. We want everyone to feel secure that when purchasing flights, the program is definitely happening.

How will transportation in Moscow and Saint Petersburg work? The program will cover this cost. Students will be using metro passes, not unlike what we have in NYC.

Will I need a passport and visa? If you're an American citizen, you'll need a Passport and a Visa. If you have citizenship in another country, you'll need to check with the Russian consulate to determine if you need a Visa.

What does the Visa acquisition process look like? Procuring a Russian visa involves some paperwork and can vary in cost--between \$250 - \$400 depending on whether you do it yourself or have a travel agency procure it for you. While getting the visa is the responsibility of the student, the program director will assist with this and help to ensure a smooth and efficient process.

What happens if my passport or visa is lost or stolen while overseas? You will need to contact the US embassy or consulate in either Moscow or Saint Petersburg to report your loss and begin the replacement process. Program leaders will be able to help you initially contact the appropriate authorities but they cannot assume responsibility for the oversight of this process.

SAFETY

What kind of insurance is there if I get hurt or get sick? All program participants are required to have personal health insurance. The College, however, does provide everyone with additional coverage with AIG World Risk. In the case of illness, hospitalization, etc., expenses, not covered by a participant's primary health insurance will be covered as stated in the brochure which is available on request and will be distributed to all program participants.

What if there's a terror attack or some other kind of crisis while abroad? All participants will be covered with evacuation insurance through AIG World Risk that includes a comprehensive package of vital services and insurance protection to respond to a number of crisis events that can occur while traveling or residing in various "hot spots" and major city centers worldwide. Coverage includes disappearance, hostage crisis, threat, kidnapping, extortion, wrongful detention, and hijacking. Further, the college has its own set of safety procedures and actions that it will take in the event of a crisis while students

are overseas.

What happens if I get into trouble with the authorities while on this trip? Because relations between Russia and the U.S. are less than ideal, it is imperative that students commit to the highest level of personal conduct. Students should not engage in behavior that would draw undue attention from locals or the authorities. Should a student find him or herself in trouble with the authorities because of inappropriate behavior, such as drunkenness or getting into a fight, he or she will have to contact the US consulate and their parents for assistance. Program leaders have limited capacity to help a student who breaks the law (for example, buying, selling, or using illicit drugs). Further, the program itself cannot be curtailed or stopped to account for improper student activity. Further details about what does and does not constitute inappropriate behavior while overseas will be discussed in the spring practicum course.

What If I get sick or get injured in some way? In that situation, a program representative will work with you to make sure you get the help you need. In a worst-case scenario, you might have to return home via a medical evacuation. That procedure is covered by our Travel insurance. If you are just experiencing a short-term illness, a program representative will be there to assist you through your illness or injury.

MUSEUMS AND OTHER CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS

What kinds of day-trips are being planned? We will spend one day travelling from Moscow to St. Petersburg by train. Our visit to Peterhof Palace, outside of St. Petersburg, will also be a full day trip, and other day trips may be optional. Most of our visits to cultural sites, however, will take place in the morning and early afternoon, leaving time in the evenings for reading, writing, and discussion.

What museums, monuments, and/or churches will the program visit? The following lists include major sites we plan to visit in each city. These lists are not complete and may be subject to change.

Moscow Cultural Sites:

- Red Square and the Kremlin
- Gulag Museum
- Leo Tolstoy's House in Moscow

Saint Petersburg Cultural Sites:

- Hermitage Museum
- Peterhof Palace
- Fyodor Dostoevsky Apartment and Museum
- Anna Akhmatova Apartment and Museum
- Peter and Paul Fortress and Cathedral
- St. Isaac's Cathedral

IMPORTANT DATES and DEADLINES

Application Due: Friday, December 13, 2019

As of November 8, 2019, applications are available and are to be filled out online at https://thekingscollege.formstack.com/forms/study_abroad_application. They are due by Friday, December 13, 2019 by the end of the business day. No applications will be accepted after that date. ***Note: For this program to run there must be seven (7) full-paying students participating.***

Criteria for selection will include GPA, essay responses as well as academic and character references. Preference will be given to graduating seniors and rising juniors. The goal is to put together a team of students who will get along well with one another and are interested in the cultural and academic aspects of the program.

All applications require a \$250 program deposit at the time the application is submitted. The check should be made out to: ***The King's College*** and be given to Dr. Bleattler. Note: your application is not complete until the deposit is made. Applications without a deposit will not be processed until such funds are received.

Students will be notified of their acceptance into the program by Monday, December 23, 2019.

Non-refundable housing deposit: January 24, 2020

Because the securing of hotel reservations is based on the number of students going, there will be a **non-refundable** housing deposit of \$750 due by Friday, January 24, 2019. Students who do not turn in the deposit by this date will lose their spot in the program. Students on a waiting list will be bumped up and given the option of enrolling.

Additional Payments

Program fees (\$1250) and the remainder of the housing fee (\$500) are due on February 28, 2020

Tuition or audit fee (\$3,770 - \$4,770) is due on April 24, 2020.

Program Refunds

If a student withdraws from the program before January 24, 2020, the initial application deposit of \$250 is fully refundable. After that date, it is not.

Housing payments are non-refundable as the college is required to pay for student housing early in the spring semester.

(Non-housing) program and tuition fees are fully refundable up to April 7, 2020.

50% of (non-housing) program and tuition fees are refundable between April 8, and April 24, 2020.

No refunds for withdrawal from the program after April 24, 2020.

If the program is cancelled because of low enrollment (below 7) there will be a full refund of all program payments.

Note: if a student must withdraw from the program before it is complete, because of bad behavior, illness, or a lost passport or visa, there is no program fee refund.

In sum:

Applications Available Online	November 8, 2019
Application and Deposit Deadline (\$250)	December 13, 2019
Non-refundable Housing Deposit (\$750)	January 24, 2020
Program Fees and Remainder of Housing Costs (\$1,750)	February 28, 2020
Tuition or Audit Fee Due (\$3,770-\$4,770)	April 24, 2020

Classes begin at King's in NYC	Monday, May 11, 2020
Depart for Moscow	Saturday, May 16, 2020
Arrive in Moscow	Sunday, May 17, 2020
Day train to Saint Petersburg	Saturday, May 23, 2020
Depart Saint Petersburg	Wednesday, June 3, 2020

If you have any questions regarding program logistics, contact Dr. Bleattler at hbleattler@tkc.edu. If you have questions regarding program content, contact Dr. Tubbs at dtubbs@tkc.edu or Dr. Campbell at ecampbell@tkc.edu.

TKC Summer Study Program in Russia 2020 Application

Instructions: Please fill out the application online at

https://thekingscollege.formstack.com/forms/study_abroad_application.

Once you have completed the online portion of the application process, turn in the application deposit for \$250 to Dr. Bleattler. Checks should be made out to “The King’s College”. Designate “Europa Russia Program Deposit” on the memo line.

If you have any questions regarding payments, contact Dr. Bleattler

Below is what the application will ask of you:

Basic Information:

Name:
Date of birth:
Student or alumnus? If alumnus, what year did you graduate from King’s?
Primary email address:
Home Phone:
Cell phone:
Class standing:
Expected date of graduation:
Major:
Cumulative GPA:
Current mailing address:

Enrollment:

Please select one of the choices below in terms of your enrollment in the summer courses:

_____ Both courses for academic credit (\$4,770)
_____ Both courses as audit (\$3,770)
_____ One course for credit; one course as audit (\$4,270)
_____ HUM 398 for credit; HUM 498 as audit
_____ HUM 398 as audit; HUM 498 for credit

Will you need on campus housing during the first week of the program in NYC?

Short Answer Questions:

1. Do you have a passport? Do you have a Russian visa?
2. Have you studied Russian language in the past? How many years?
3. Do you have health concerns that the college should be made aware?

4. Have you traveled abroad in the past? If so, where and when?
5. Do you have any concerns about spending two and a half weeks in a foreign country?
6. Do you anticipate any problems with alcohol or drugs that the college should be made aware?
7. Do you acknowledge that if you break the law in Russia or create a public disturbance of some sort, you are responsible for your actions and will need to contact either your parents or the US embassy to resolve matters; and that the program and its leaders, while initially able to help you contact your parents and/or the US embassy, are not responsible for resolving the issue for you?
8. Do you acknowledge that if your passport and/or visa is lost or stolen, you are responsible for contacting the US embassy to have it replaced and that the program and its leaders, while initially able to help you contact your parents and/or the US embassy, are not responsible for resolving the issue for you?

Application Essays (Each response should be between 200-400 words).

1. Why do you want to study abroad with the TKC Summer Study Program?
2. How will you prepare for the differences in culture? How do you think you will be challenged by these differences?
3. How do you think studying abroad will impact you personally, academically, and spiritually?
4. If you do not meet the GPA minimum, write an essay explaining why you believe you are prepared academically to participate in the program.

Academic References

Have two TKC faculty members vouch for your academic ability. List them below. They do not have to write a letter on your behalf but will be consulted by the selection committee as needed. Note: any faculty or staff traveling to Russia with the program cannot be a reference.

- 1.
- 2.

Character Reference

Have one TKC staff member vouch for your character and conduct. List him or her below. He or she does not have to write a letter on your behalf but will be consulted by the selection committee as needed. Note: any faculty or staff traveling to Russia with the program cannot be a reference.

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