

# Bilateral Exchange: International University in Moscow

## Moscow, Russia

### Specifics of the North Park Exchange

#### Dates

Fall semester, spring semester, or full year

#### Eligibility

- 45+ credit hours by start of program
- Cumulative GPA of 2.75
- GPA of 2.5 in semester preceding program
- Attendance at NPU for at least two semesters by start of program
- 18 years of age



#### Chance of Placement

Chance of placement is excellent for qualified candidates.

#### Courses Offered

The Center for Studying Russian as a Foreign Language at IUM offers courses in Russian language and culture.

Currently, no additional classes are taught in English. Students who wish to study at IUM for more than one semester may be eligible to take additional classes taught in Russian after completing a term in the Center for Studying Russian as a Foreign Language. Students with previous Russian language studies may be eligible for a wider range of courses.

#### Costs

Student pays North Park the current rate for full-time tuition. All financial aid applies.

Student pays room and board in host country. For more information on the cost of living in Russia, check: [http://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/country\\_result.jsp?country=Russia](http://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/country_result.jsp?country=Russia).

#### Additional Fees

Airfare	Passport Fees	Residence Permit/ Visa Fees	International Student ID Card
Textbooks	Health Insurance	Discretionary Spending	

## About the International University in Moscow

International University was set up in 1991 as a non-state, autonomous educational organization. Its formation was initiated at the 1991 summit of U.S. President George Bush Sr. and President of the Soviet Union Mikhail Gorbachev, to meet the need for training managers for the Russian economy. The idea behind the agreement between the two heads of state was that the achievements of the American higher education and non-state educational establishments in Russia would be advantageous to the USSR education system.

The Center for Studying Russian as a Foreign Language was founded in 2005 with a focus on teaching both the Russian language and the contemporary history and culture of Russia. An integral part of the curriculum involves familiarizing students with historical sites in Moscow and other Russian cities.

Foreign students of the Center are full members of university life. They attend lectures given by leading experts in political science and economics, meet famous writers, and participate in social events. Those interested can join the drama society, the singing school, the dancing school, or the fencing school. The Center also offers a Russian-American club.

For more information: [www.interun.ru](http://www.interun.ru)

## About Russia and Moscow

Russia is about twice the size of the continental USA. It's the largest country in the world, so vast that it has eleven time zones and a coastline of more than 23,000 miles.

The monetary unit is the Russian ruble (RUR). Currently, \$1 is approximately 30RUR.

Moscow's road system is centered roughly around the Kremlin at the heart of the city. From there, roads generally radiate outwards to intersect with a sequence of circular roads ("rings").

Moscow boasts numerous attractions: the Kremlin, Red Square, Tretyakov Gallery, Bolshoi Theater, Pushkin Museum of Fine Arts, Armory, Novodevichy Convent, St. Basil Cathedral, Arbat, The Church of Christ the Savior, Poklonnaya Mountain, Archangelskoye Estate, Ostankino Estate and others.

Vladimir Ilich Ulyanov, better known as Lenin, still draws tourist crowds in Moscow. His embalmed body, preserved by a mixture of paraffin and other chemicals, is on public display in Red Square.

Beware: Moscow is one of the most expensive cities in the world and "wallet-thinning shock" is common at many Moscow restaurants and hotels. As a foreigner you'll also find yourself paying more than a Russian for some museums – often as much as 10 times the price Russians pay.

Ethnic groups: Russian 79.8%, Tatar 3.8%, Ukrainian 2%, other 14.4%.

Religions: Russian Orthodox, Islam, Judaism, Roman Catholicism, Protestantism, and Buddhism

**Please consult the Study Abroad Handbook for information on how to apply for this program.**