



## Learn Russian in the European Union

### Daugavpils, Latvia

Learn Russian in the European Union, established in 2004, is a joint initiative of the Department of Russian and Slavic Linguistics at Daugavpils University and Training Center LatInSoft.

Learn Russian in the EU has provided numerous academic study abroad, summer, and custom-designed programs to US universities, federal service academies, government institutions, and individual graduate and undergraduate students.

Our programs are hosted at Daugavpils University. They include the Russian language at levels up to ACTFL Superior, as well as academic courses in literature, culture, political science, history, East European studies, and STEM, provided in Russian.

Daugavpils, the second largest city in Latvia, is a Russian-language enclave, where almost everybody uses modern standard Russian for daily communication. Daugavpils is the largest Russian-speaking city in the European Union and NATO.

International students undergo full linguistic immersion and amazing cultural experience in a city that was once part of both the Russian Empire and the Soviet Union, and which has a remarkable historical legacy tied to Russia and Russian-European relations. The people, nature, and climate are just like in the Central Russia. This helps understand the culture, traditions, and lifestyle.

Please use the following links to learn more:

- [Video introduction](#). This short video helps understand Daugavpils as a location for Russian study abroad programs.
- [Study abroad experience](#). Video testimonials from our semester abroad students.
- [Virtual Fair Booth](#). This virtual booth provides very detailed information on all aspects of our work in easy to follow manner. Please take time to explore.
- [Semester abroad programs for undergraduate students](#). This page demonstrates what academic opportunities for undergraduate students are available in Daugavpils.
- [Daugavpils University courses available in Russian](#). Russian is the primary language of instruction at Learn Russian in EU:
  - All language, literature, and culture courses are taught in Russian.
  - Courses in history, political science, and area studies will be also taught in Russian. Professors will adjust the language to help students follow the explanations. English presentations and materials may be used.
  - Natural Sciences/STEM courses are taught by English- and Russian-speaking Daugavpils University professors. The language of instruction varies from English-only to English/Russian mix and up to Russian-only, depending on the instructor, the student, and the course.
- [The program web site](#). This is the major source of official information on our programs.

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