Arrival Weekend Schedule

Friday, June 19

The Arrival Center will be open 11:00 am – 8:00 pm in the Axinn Center at Starr Library, Old Chapel Road, Middlebury. Students will not be housed prior to June 19, and we cannot accept for storage any luggage that is sent in advance. At the Arrival Center, you will fill out required forms and pick up your Middlebury ID, room key or access code, and arrival packet.

If you arrive after 8:00 pm, please go to the Dept. of Public Safety (open 24/7) at 125 South Main Street to gain access to your dorm room. You will need to stop by the Russian School offices (Gifford Hall 207-208) on Saturday to pick up your packet and fill out forms.

The first meal of the 8-week session will be dinner, 5:30 – 6:45 pm, in Ross Commons Dining Hall. A Russian film (subtitled) will follow in McCullough Student Center’s Wilson Hall. McCullough is across the driveway from Axinn; Wilson is on the second floor, near the Grille.

Saturday, June 20

Brunch, 6:30 am – 1:00 pm, Ross Dining Hall

Placement Testing: All students who plan to study at level 2 or above must take the placement exam. If you applied to level 1 (introductory Russian), but have had some previous instruction in Russian, we ask that you take the placement exam. The placement exam includes three sections: an online grammar test, an oral proficiency interview, and a writing test.

- If you were not able to take the online grammar test prior to arrival on campus, please start the test before 1:30 pm on Saturday, June 20, either on your own computer or tablet or on a lab computer.
- If you did not complete the oral proficiency interview prior to arrival, interviews will be scheduled between 8:00 am and 2:30 pm on Saturday.
- The writing test will be conducted from 3:00 to 5:00 pm in MBH (McCardell Bicentennial Hall) 216 & 219.
- It is very important to be on time for your interview and writing test.
- If you miss any section of the placement exam on Saturday, please find the Director, Jason Merrill, either in his office (Gifford 206) or at a meal in the dining hall, to arrange to make up the missed section.
- Your level placement will be sent to you by email. Please be sure to activate your Middlebury email account at http://go.middlebury.edu/activate by Friday, June 19.

Survival Russian for Level 1 Students: All incoming level 1 students are expected to have completed the pre-arrival online program (webinar and exercises). Survival Russian classes and activities for level 1 students will begin on Saturday morning in McCardell Bicentennial Hall (4th floor) and continue on Sunday. Times and locations will be posted in your dorm.

Dinner, 5:30 – 6:45 pm, Ross Dining Hall
Orientation with the Director, 7:00 pm, Wilson Hall in McCullough Student Center: During this meeting, which is mandatory for all students, the Director will discuss the Language Pledge and answer students’ questions about the program. A Russian film (subtitled) will follow.

Sunday, June 21

Brunch, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm, Ross Dining Hall (at weekend brunch, continental breakfast will be served until 10:30 am, followed by more substantial items)

Bookstore open, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Study Strategies at the Russian School, 1:00 – 2:30 pm, Dana Auditorium, Sunderland Lang. Ctr.

Class Meetings for Levels 2-7, 3:00 pm: If you have questions about your placement, please meet with the Director, Jason Merrill, on Sunday morning between 9:00 and 11:00 am in Gifford 206. Students with no placement questions will be registered automatically. At these initial class meetings, you will get to know your instructors and other students in your level. The locations of these meetings in Gifford and Warner will be announced by email; these may be different from your regular classrooms.

Anti-Harassment Training Session, 4:30 – 5:30 pm, Mead Chapel

Dinner, 5:30 – 6:45 pm, Ross Dining Hall

Language Schools Opening Convocation, 7:30 pm, Mead Chapel

Russian School Opening Ceremony & Signing of the Language Pledge, 9:00 pm, Wilson Hall in McCullough Student Center

Monday, June 22

First day of classes: The schedule for all classes will be finalized by Sunday afternoon and posted in your dorm. Classes may begin as early as 8:00 am.

Regular meal times in Ross Dining Hall, starting June 22:

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End of session: The program officially ends on Friday, August 14. Students are permitted to leave at any time after final exams on Thursday, August 13. There is a closing ceremony and banquet on Thursday evening; most students will stay for these events and depart on Friday. Students may stay over on Friday night, but must move out of the dorms by noon on Saturday.