APPLICATION AND ADMISSION
In a given summer, students may enroll in courses at one Language School only and are normally enrolled in courses at one level only. Students may apply to more than one school, however. To do so, please submit a complete application and fee to each school. Students may apply for financial aid for only one School at a time.

We strongly recommend that students complete at least one year of college prior to attending the Language Schools. Applications from high school seniors whose records demonstrate the academic achievement and social maturity required to succeed in a residential college-level intensive immersion program will be considered. The Language Schools select students for admission who show the potential and desire to succeed in a rigorous academic environment. Prior attendance of the Language Schools, Middlebury College, Monterey Institute of International Studies, or Middlebury-Monterey Language Academy does not guarantee admission.

Admission is for one summer and/or one semester or academic year abroad only, and cannot be deferred to a future year. Students who wish to continue their studies in future sessions must complete the reactivation procedure described below. Admission to the Language Schools is entirely separate from undergraduate admission to Middlebury College. If you are a current Middlebury undergraduate student, please refer to the special instructions for Middlebury undergraduates at http://www.middlebury.edu/ls/apply/russian.

If you have attended one of the Middlebury College Language Schools or Schools Abroad, you may reactivate your application without paying the $65 application fee. Please read the section “Reactivating an Application” below on page 5. If you have previously applied to one of the Language Schools or Schools Abroad, but did not attend, you must pay the application fee.

Upon admission, all students must pay a $400 non-refundable enrollment deposit to secure a place in the program. The deposit is applied toward tuition charges. Only the deposit guarantees a student’s place in the program. If you have any questions about the Russian School or the application process, please contact us at schoolofrussian@middlebury.edu.

8-WEEK SESSION AND THE GRADUATE PROGRAM
The Davis School of Russian offers an 8-week session and a 6-week graduate session. The two programs differ in focus and structure. The 8-week session is primarily a language program, designed to improve Russian language proficiency as rapidly as possible. The graduate session aims to provide rigorous graduate instruction in certain content areas, with Russian as the language of instruction. 8-week students are assigned to level of study, based on their language proficiency; 6-week students take graduate content courses on topics in Russian culture and civilization, language and linguistics, and literature. Your choice of program should be based on your Russian language proficiency and goals of study, not your college major, or your completion of a prior degree, such as a B.A. Either program may be suitable for a recent graduate
or a graduate student at another institution. Neither session requires a B.A. for admission, although you must hold a B.A. or the equivalent in order to pursue an M.A. degree at the Language Schools.

The 8-week session offers instruction at a variety of levels, from introductory through fourth-year Russian, and is designed to cover approximately an academic year of material. The program enrolls a diverse mix of undergraduates, graduate students, recent graduates, and professionals. For planning purposes, we ask 8-week applicants to apply to a level. Enter the level that you will have reached by June 2014. The level number refers to the semester of study: 1 = first semester (introductory), 2 = second semester (one semester of study completed), 3 = third semester (one year of study completed), and so on. Final placement in a level is determined by the results of placement testing prior to the beginning of classes. In applying for admission, you indicate your willingness to accept the placement deemed appropriate by the Russian School.

The 6-week graduate session is open to applicants pursuing an M.A. degree as well as non-degree applicants. (Applicants who plan to attend for one summer only, or who will not receive a B.A. or B.S. before the summer, must apply as non-degree students.) Graduate proficiency in Russian is a requirement for admission; proficiency is assessed on the basis of a writing sample, online grammar test, and interview. Successful applicants to the graduate session have generally studied Russian for 4-5 years and spent at least a summer or semester in Russia or another part of the former Soviet Union. The M.A. degree may be completed over four summers, or two summers plus an academic year in Moscow or Irkutsk. 6-week graduate course offerings vary from year to year. You may read descriptions of recent graduate courses here. Please note that the graduate application includes additional requirements, listed below on page 4.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

1. Online Application
   At the beginning of the online application, you will be asked to select a program type:

   - 8-week or 7-week intensive language program – select this option for the Russian 8-week session (levels 1 through 7). This program is suitable for undergraduates, graduate students, recent graduates, and professionals in this proficiency range (beginner to fourth year).
   - 6-week graduate studies, summer only – select this option if you plan to pursue the M.A. over four summers or attend as a non-degree graduate student (for one summer only). Please note that graduate-level language proficiency is required for admission to the 6-week session.
   - 6-week graduate studies summer program followed by an academic year abroad – select this option if you plan to pursue an M.A. over two summers and an academic year in Russia.

After you have entered your personal and contact information, you will reach the page “Program Selection,” where you will specify the program to which you are applying. 8-week applicants will find the 8-week Russian program in the drop-down list. Graduate “summer only” applicants will see three options. If you are interested in pursuing an M.A. degree, select Russian 6-week MA. If you are interested in attending the graduate session as a non-degree student, select Russian 6-week non-degree. DML applicants and candidates planning to enroll in L1 or L2 coursework should select Russian 6-week DML. Graduate applicants who selected the abroad option will need to select a site in Russia: Moscow or Irkutsk.

2. $65 Non-Refundable Application Fee
   A non-refundable application fee of $65 in U.S. funds is due when submitting an application. You may pay by credit card online, or you may mail a check or money order made payable to Middlebury College. On your check, write your name and the language that you plan to study. You may not pay the application fee in cash. We are unable to take credit card payments by phone, fax or email.
This fee is waived if you are a member of one of the groups listed below. If you belong to such a group, please type the appropriate abbreviation in the box for Language Schools previously applied to (“If yes, which School?”).

- **REAC:** You are an alum of the Language Schools
- **MUG:** You are currently a student of Middlebury College
- **MILLS:** You are currently a student of Mills College
- **MIIS:** You are currently a student of the Monterey Institute of International Studies
- **ALUM:** You are an alum of Middlebury College or Monterey Institute of International Studies
- **USMIL:** You are an active-duty member of the U.S. military

If you are eligible for a fee waiver, please select “Pay by check or money order” on the online application and do not submit payment.

3. Transcript(s)

We require an official transcript from each post-secondary institution attended, whether or not you studied a foreign language there. If you are a first-semester college student, please submit an official transcript from your high school, as well as first-semester college grades, when available. Foreign transcripts must be accompanied by an evaluation report performed by a certified educational credential evaluation service. (This requirement is especially important in the case of M.A. applicants, but may be waived in the case of certain institutions; write to us if you have questions.) The official transcript must be sent by the registrar, either sealed in an envelope, or emailed in a secure format. If a transcript will be sent to us directly, please request that it be addressed to the Davis School of Russian, not the undergraduate admissions office.

4. Recommendations

Applicants to the 8-week program must submit two letters of recommendation. High school seniors must submit an additional, third recommendation from a guidance counselor. Graduate-level (6-week) applicants must submit three letters of recommendation. The recommendation form is available for download at [http://go.middlebury.edu/lsrecommendation](http://go.middlebury.edu/lsrecommendation). Recommendations from persons other than foreign-language teachers may be in the form of written and signed letters to the Language Schools. Each recommendation should be in a sealed envelope, signed by the referee along the flap. Recommendations may be mailed to us directly, or you may collect them in sealed envelopes and forward them to us. If your referee is overseas, he or she may email the recommendation directly to schoolofrussian@middlebury.edu and follow up with the hard copy. If you choose not to sign the Student Waiver Statement on the form, please arrange to have a copy of the recommendation made for yourself before it is sealed in the envelope. The following recommenders are all acceptable, listed here in our order of preference: language instructors with whom you have studied the target language (your contact with them must be from the past two years), recent instructors with whom you have studied other languages or disciplines, work supervisors from professional or volunteer work, or colleagues. Letters contained in official college placement files are acceptable, provided that they are no more than two years old. **NOTE: Recommendations may be written in English or Russian.**

5. 200-Word Essay

You must submit a statement of roughly 200 words in English in which you discuss:

(a) your formal and informal experience with the language, including travel, study, or residence abroad (please include any Russian courses that you plan to complete this academic year);
(b) how you learned about the Language Schools;
(c) your reasons for wanting to study the language you have chosen;
(d) your career goals; and
(e) any additional information that you consider relevant to your application.
MA abroad applicants: in the essay, please indicate if you are applying to study for an academic year (or fall/spring semester only) in Moscow or Irkutsk in 2014-15.

Please submit your essay in the designated section of the online application. We suggest that you complete the essay as a word-processing document, and then copy and paste the text into the online application.

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR 6-WEEK GRADUATE APPLICATION**

To apply to the graduate program (either in pursuit of an MA or as a non-degree student), please submit, in addition to items 1-5 above, a **2-page writing sample in Russian**, preferably typed. The sample should be recent, reflecting as much as possible your current writing ability in Russian, and it may be on any topic. **The writing sample must be sent separately,** either by email or regular mail. Also, if you have recently completed an official OPI, you may send us an official record of your score in support of your application.

Dr. Jason Merrill, Director of the Russian School, will review your application materials and decide whether to proceed with proficiency testing. If the Director decides to proceed, we will email directions for completing an online grammar placement test. If your score indicates that you may be eligible for admission to the graduate session, we will contact you to schedule an interview in Russian, which will be conducted by telephone or Skype.

If the results of your grammar test or interview indicate that you are not ready for the graduate program, you will be given the option of switching your application to the 8-week session. If you are accepted and enroll in the 8-week session, you will be assigned to the appropriate level at the beginning of that session, when other students are also placed.

**D.M.L. APPLICANTS AND THE L2 PLACEMENT TEST**

If you are a new D.M.L. applicant, you should submit an application to the Language School of your principal D.M.L. language (L1) only. As part of the application process, however, you must complete graduate placement tests in both D.M.L. languages (the L1 and L2 that you have selected). Once we have received your application and the $65 application fee (or confirmation from you that you are eligible for a fee waiver, as above), the L2 School will send you instructions for taking the appropriate exam.

**APPLICATION PROCESSING**

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis **once they are complete** (see the above checklist). If your university or referee must send materials directly, they may do so. It is your responsibility to follow up with them to make sure that your application materials have been sent. Please send the materials to:

Davis School of Russian  
Middlebury College  
14 Old Chapel Road  
Middlebury, VT 05753

Do not enclose financial aid application materials with Language School application materials. (See Financial Aid instructions below.)

**CHECKING THE STATUS OF YOUR APPLICATION**

When you begin your online application, you will be asked to enter or create a username and password. Please make a note of your username and password, so that you can log on to your account later to verify that we have received your supporting materials: [http://go.middlebury.edu/bannerweb?lsapp](http://go.middlebury.edu/bannerweb?lsapp). Please
allow one to two weeks for the materials to be processed. Applicants can normally anticipate a decision letter within four to six weeks of the date that their application is complete.

**REACTIVATING AN APPLICATION (RETURNING STUDENTS ONLY)**
To reactivate your application, please submit a new online application. If you have completed any (non-Middlebury) coursework since your last application, please send us an updated official transcript. If you have not completed any coursework since your last application, you do not need to send a transcript. Recommendations on file are valid for two years. If you have any questions about what to send, please write to us at schoolofrussian@middlebury.edu.

To begin your online application, simply create a new username and password by selecting “first-time user new account.” If you have a record of your application login from a previous year, you may also use that. The system will match your new application with prior records.

In the 200-word essay section, please (1) tell us about your contact with Russian since the summer session, and (2) indicate which supporting materials, if any, you will be sending (e.g., an updated transcript). Item (2) is important: without this information, review of your application may be delayed.

**FINANCIAL AID**
Students may apply for financial aid for only one Language School. The Financial Aid online application will be posted on the web no later than October 1, 2013, at [http://go.middlebury.edu/ls?finaid/](http://go.middlebury.edu/ls?finaid/). If you need to send any paperwork relevant to your financial aid application, this should be sent directly to Student Financial Services, Middlebury College, 14 Old Chapel Road, Middlebury, VT 05753.

Financial aid is available for all Russian School programs and is offered to qualified candidates on the basis of need, as determined by Student Financial Services. Middlebury College does not offer teaching assistantships or work/study options for Language Schools students.

To ensure your best chance of receiving aid, submit complete language school and financial aid applications as early as possible. Before your financial aid application can be considered, your application for admission must be complete. (All items on the application checklist must be submitted.) Please do not wait until you have been accepted by a Language School to submit your financial aid application. The financial aid budget is limited, and there is always more demand for aid than we are able to accommodate. Aid is offered on a rolling basis until available funding has been committed; during this process, applicants may be placed on a wait list for financial aid. If you have questions about the availability of funding for a certain program, given the date, you may contact us at schoolofrussian@middlebury.edu. Although we do not review applications for financial aid—this is handled by Student Financial Services—we may be able to provide a general update on financial aid for Russian School programs.

In addition to regular, need-based financial aid, the Language Schools offer several scholarships and fellowships, including the Kathryn Davis Fellowship for Peace. For more information, please visit [http://go.middlebury.edu/ls?fellowships_scholarships](http://go.middlebury.edu/ls?fellowships_scholarships). To apply for the Kathryn Davis Fellowship, you must both apply for admission to the Russian School and submit a separate fellowship application by the fellowship application deadline (usually in mid-January). We strongly suggest that you do not wait until the deadline to submit both applications. In order to be considered for the fellowship, your application to the Russian School must be on file and complete. If a recommendation or transcript is delayed for some reason, your fellowship application may not be reviewed. If you want to give yourself time to work on the fellowship essay, we recommend that you apply for admission in the fall and then submit your fellowship application later (but no later than the fellowship application deadline).