Arrival Weekend Schedule

Friday, June 24

The Arrival Center will be open 11:00 am – 8:00 pm in Axinn Center, Old Chapel Road, Middlebury College. Students will not be housed prior to June 24, 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 ordered linens, these will be held until 5:00 pm at the bookstore, for the next three hours at the Arrival Center, and after 8:00 pm at the Russian School offices, Gifford Hall 207-208.

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

The first meal of the 8-week session will be dinner, 5:30 – 7:10 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 25

Brunch, 6:30 am – 1:00 pm, Ross Dining Hall
Bookstore open, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

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: online grammar testing, an oral proficiency interview (OPI), and a writing test.

- The online grammar section includes two one-hour tests, in multiple-choice and fill-in-the-blank formats. These should be completed prior to arrival, or at the latest on Saturday morning, on own computer or tablet or a lab computer (Sunderland 202).
- 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 schedule will be available at the Arrival Center.
- 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 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 24.

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 at 9:00 am on Saturday in McCardell Bicentennial Hall, Room 403, and will continue on Sunday.

Dinner, 5:30 – 7:10 pm, Ross Dining Hall
Orientation with the Director, 7:15 pm, Wilson Hall in McCullough Student Center: During this meeting, 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 26

Brunch, 7:00 am – 1:00 pm, Ross Dining Hall
Bookstore open, 9:00 am – 1:30 pm (note the early closing time – be sure to enter by 1:30)

Class Meetings for Levels 2-7, 10:00 am: If you have questions about your placement, please meet with the Director, Jason Merrill, on Sunday morning between 9:00 and 10:00 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.

Session on Study Strategies at the Russian School (all levels welcome!), 12:45 pm, Dana Auditorium, Sunderland Language Center

Session on College Policies (mandatory), 2:30 – 5:30 pm, Wilson Hall in McCullough Student Center. This session will include three presentations with plenty of time for student questions. There will be breaks and refreshments.

Dinner, 5:30 – 7:10 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 27

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 27:

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* Please try to arrive early for lunch and dinner, within the first half hour. The Japanese School will share Ross with us, and their students will begin to line up at noon and 6:00 pm.

End of session: The program officially ends on Friday, August 19. Students are permitted to leave at any time after final exams on Thursday, August 18. 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.