

RUSSIAN IMMERSION FLOOR FAQs

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- 1. Do I have to apply to Campus Housing to be admitted to the Russian Immersion floor?*
YES. You must fill out the regular on-line application form for campus housing. There will be directions on how to apply to PSU Living/Learning communities, including Russian Immersion.
- 2. Do I have to be a Russian major to apply to live on the floor?*
NO.
- 3. Do I have to be taking Russian language classes while living on the floor?*
If you are already a fairly fluent speaker of Russian (intermediate-high or advanced), then you do not have to be registered for Russian language classes, but you are encouraged to take courses that allow you to explore Russian history and culture.
- 4. How do I know whether I have intermediate-high level Russian speaking skills?*
If you speak Russian at home or have learned Russian in a non-traditional way (such as Peace Corps) contact Gulnara Browder in the Department of Foreign Language and Literatures, 393 Neuberger Hall, or browderg@pdx.edu for guidance on this question.
- 5. If I have only completed two years of college-level Russian, am I eligible to apply?*
YES. If you have only completed two years, you will be required to take Russian 301 and 302 as a minimum. Other third-year courses include Russian Phonetics 325, Russian 341 and 342, Introduction to 19th Century Russian Literature.
- 6. What is expected of participants?*
We recognize that the success of the Russian Immersion Floor depends on the commitment of each member to contribute to a supportive community. Immersion floor residents agree to strive to make Russian their first language and participate in regularly scheduled Russian-only events.
- 7. Can family members share my room on the Russian floor?*
YES, under the guidelines of PSU Campus Housing.
- 8. Is there an additional cost to participation?*
YES, there is a small monthly fee included in the room rental rate to underwrite program activities.
- 9. What kind of program activities will be available?*
During 2009-2010, Russian Immersion Floor students will be exploring “Russian Portland” and learning about study and career opportunities related to Russian. In addition to a Russian-speaking Resident Assistant, there will be a Fulbright exchange graduate teaching assistant from Russia (Nizhnii Novgorod) living on the floor to help with activities. Students will also be encouraged to share their interests and ideas for events.

Additional questions can be directed to Martha Hickey at hickeym@pdx.edu or 725-8728.