

Appendix B

**University of Chicago
FULBRIGHT-HAYS GPA IN RUSSIA
“Discovering Russia: Challenging Stereotypes and Media Myths”**

**OVERSEAS SEMINAR SCHEDULE
(Subject to Change)
June 23 – July 21, 2008**

Monday, June 23	
Morning	Chartered bus takes participants to O’Hare International Airport, Chicago, IL
11:40	Depart Chicago, IL Delta #1993 Arrive in Atlanta at 2:40 p.m.
3:40	Depart Atlanta for Moscow on Delta #46

VLADIMIR (June 24- July 9; July 13)

Tuesday, June 24	
10:30	Arrive in Moscow, Russia, met at airport, bus to Vladimir
Afternoon	Lunch on way to Vladimir Arrive in Vladimir at the American Home, 30 minutes access to e-mail to send short notes home. Met host families—and go home.
Evening	Dinner with host family

Wednesday, June 25	
Topics: Program Introduction, History	
Go to the AH by public transport accompanied by a host.	
10:00–10:30	Introduction to the AH and the seminar program. (by Ron Pope, Galina Altonen, AH executive director, Alexei Altonen, AH director of special projects)
10:30-11:30	Access to e-mail Discussion of role of the AH in Vladimir—from the perspective of the Russian staff; questions answered by the AH staff
11:30–12:15	(1) Russian language instruction (Alphabet review, reading) Nelli Mukhamadieva, instructor of Russian, American Home
12:30 – 1:45	Lunch at Traktir (next door to the AH)
2:00 - 2:45	(2) Russian language instruction (Etiquette: greetings, etc.) Tatiana Akimova, instructor of Russian, American Home
3:00 – 5:00	Walking tour of the historic center starting with Golden Gates (and if possible finishing with a look from Water Tower/Museum of Old Vladimir)
5:00 – 5:30	Meet at the AH—share experiences and get answers to questions
Evening	Dinner with host families

Thursday, June 26	
Topic: History cont.	
Go to the AH by public transport (if necessary accompanied by a host.)	

8:30	Optional “survival Russian” class. (1)
9:00 – 9:45	(3) Russian language / culture class (Crafts) Akimova Tatiana
10:15 – 12:15	Guided tour of the Museum Complex (main museum, children’s museum, and other exhibits) including discussion of the museum’s activities and strategy for survival. What has changed in the museum’s operations since the end of the communist period? Have the changes been for the better? Svetlana Melnikova, Assistant Director, Vladimir-Suzdal Museums
12: 30 – 1: 45	Lunch in Sary Gorod
2:00 – 3:00	Ideology / propaganda vs. “real history” Alisa Ivanovna Aksenova Position (Director, Vladimir-Suzdal Museum Reserve?)
3:15 – 4:30	Guided tour of St. Demetrius and Assumption Cathedrals
5:00 – 5:30	Sharing of experiences, answers to questions, and brief discussion of the significance/context of the material covered to date
Evening	Pot-luck dinner at the AH (host families and teachers work together to prepare dishes the night before)

Friday, June 27	
Topics: History cont., Education	
8:30	Optional survival Russian class. (2)
9:00 – 9:45	(4) Russian language instruction (Etiquette: names, nicknames, addressing, etc) Nelli Mukhamadieva
9:45-10:30	E-mail / Informal discussion
11:00-12:30	Visit to orphanage for children 2 to 8 years old. [We will want to bring one or more small gifts for all approximately 45 kids. The AH will provide a small bag of candy for each child. It will be important for each child to get essentially the same gift. The ISU student group gave each child a small teddy bear. Suggestions for gifts will be welcome.]
1 -2:15	Lunch (In Hermitage?)
2:30 – 4:30	Why the Soviet system failed and an overview of the current situation—PowerPoint presentation Ron Pope
4:30-5:00	Panel discussion
5:00-5:30	E-mail / informal discussion
Saturday, June 28	
Topic: History cont.	
8:30	Optional survival Russian class (3)
9:00 -9:45	(5) Russian language /culture class (The songs that help us live and work)
10:00 - All Day	Guided tour of Bogolubovo and Suzdal. Lunch in Suzdal
Evening	Dinner with host family

Sunday, June 29	
Free Day (Spent with host families)	

Monday, June 30	
Topics: Politics, Education(cont)	

8:30	Optional survival Russian class. (4)
9:00 -9:45	(6) Russian language / culture class (Words reflecting history) Nelli Mukhamadieva
10- 11:30	Politics: Why I love Khrushchev, Gorbachev, Yeltsin, and Putin (Part 1) Percy Gurvitch, Professor of German, VGPU
(+45 min)	Free time
12:30 – 1:45	Lunch & defriefing (Telega)
1:00 - 2:15	Review of Education—what has and hasn’t changed in textbooks, how classes are taught, testing, student attitudes and behavior, et. Elena Rogacheva, Professor of Pedagogics, VGPU
2:30 – 4:30	Visit School No. 3 Meet with available teachers and students or Visit Palace of Youth
5:00 – 6:00	Roundtable discussion: The Russian and the American educational systems. Practical problems (Shared and unique challenges)
Evening	Dinner with host family

Tuesday, July 1	
Topic: Politics cont., Religion	
8:30	Optional survival Russian class. (5)
9:00 – 9:45	(7) Russian language / culture class (Traditions and holidays) Tatiana Akimova
10:00 – 11:30	Politics: Current situation (What has changed for the better and what has changed for the worse). (Part 2) Percy Gurvitch
11:45 – 12:15	Religion—changes in its status and role in Russian society Alexei Timoshchuk, Professor of Philosophy, Juridical Institute
12:30 – 1:45	Lunch (Shesh Besh—a favorite with the AH teachers)
2:00 – 4:15	Visit to the Nativity Monastery and Knyaginini Convent Father Innokenti., Secretary of Vladimir eparchy
4:30 – 5:30	Open discussion of the role of religion in Russia
Evening	Dinner with host families

Wednesday, July 2	
Topics: Legal System, Law Enforcement	
8:30	Optional survival Russian class. (6)
9:00 – 10:30	Presentation on “law enforcement in Russia” Gen. Boris Gavrilov , Ministry of Internal Affairs (retired)
11:00 – 1:15	Visit to the Vladimir Juridical institute. Discussion with faculty and students of the problems in both US and Russian law enforcement systems
1:15 – 2:30	Lunch in the Institute canteen (with some cadets and faculty members)
2:45-3:45	Visit Vladimir Central Prison
4:15-6:00	Panel discussion of changes in the roles of the militia, “KGB,” attorneys, and judges SUGGESTED READING: “An Illinois Yankee in Tsar Yeltsin’s Court: Justice in Russia,” under Articles at: www.serendipity-russia.com
Evening	Dinner with host families

Thursday, July 3	
Topic: Economy	
9:00-5:00 (lunch arrangements to be made)	Visit a Turkish-built factory in the small town of Kirzhach that produces household appliances Meet with businessmen—discuss problems and opportunities associated with doing business in Russia today
	Dinner with host family

Friday, July 4	
Topic: Current Life, Opinions	
8:30	Optional survival Russian class. (7)
9:00 -9:45	(8) Russian language / culture class (Schi & kasha - our food) Nelli Mukhamadieva
10:00 -12:00	Discussion of “what we’ve learned to date” Moderated by Ron Pope and Alexei Altonen
	Get lunch on own during scavenger hunt
12:00 – 4:00	Scavenger Hunt: Get ingredients for “quick-to-fix” American dishes for dinner to be shared with AH staff and host families. Also have groups try to find, for example, the most unusual / unexpected American-style “item” and most unusual / unexpected Russian “item.” Take photos. Contest for most interesting photos.
5:00 – 7:30	International party—with Russian and American games and entertainment

Saturday, July 5	
Topics: Life in Rural Russia, Agriculture	
9:00 -9:30	Share experiences
9:30- All Day	Visit family farm—have lunch Visit other rural businesses—learn how “country folk” manage to survive. (Informal discussion of problems in Russian agriculture)
evening	Dinner with host family

Sunday, July 6	
Free Day (spent with host families) (AH Street Ball tournament 10:00 – 1:00)	

Monday, July 7	
Topic: Women’s Role	
9:00 -9:30	Share experiences
9:30 – 10:15	(9) Russian language/culture class (Proverbs—especially those concerning women) Tatiana Akimova
10:45 - 12:15	Presentation on the role of Russian women—Soviet period vs. today Presenter to be determined
12:30-2:00	Lunch (At the Golden Gate?)

2:30 – 4:30	Panel discussion of the role of women in Russia Yelena Potapova, Dmitri Petrosyan, additional English speakers
4:30 –	free time for shopping
evening	Dinner with host families

Wednesday, July 9	
Topic: Media	
NOTE Suitcases brought to the AH in the morning!	
10:00–10:45	(10) Russian language / culture class (Things surprising for foreigners) Tatiana Akimova
11:00–12:30	Two-way press conference with local mass media representatives.
12:45 -2:45	Lunch (group or individual)
3:00	Leave for Murom (from the AH)

Murom (July 9-13)

Wednesday, July 9	
5:30	Arrive in Murom, met by home stay hosts at Murom Institute of Vladimir State University. Dinner with host family.

Thursday, July 10	
Topic: Murom's Past and Present	
9.00	Breakfast.
9.30 – 11.00	Murom: Past and Present—what has and has not changed Marina Gusarova, candidate of historical sciences, Murom Branch of Vladimir State University (MIVSU).
11.00 – 12.00	Video about Murom. Video about MIVSU. Natalia Zhilenko, senior instructor, foreign languages department MIVSU.
12.15 – 1.30 pm	Lunch
2.00 – 3.00 pm	Guided tour of Murom.
3.30 – 4.30 pm	Visit to Murom Historical Museum—what has changed in how t he museum operates Albina Anuchkina, director Murom Historical Museum.
5.30 – 6.00 pm	Group dinner.

Friday, July 11	
Topic: Legends of Murom Land	
9.00	Breakfast.
9.30 – 10.30	The epic of Ilya Murometz (Russian equivalent of Hercules) Natalia Zhilenko, senior instructor MIVSU
10.40 – 11.40	Saint Piotr and Fevronia of Murom – Russian patrons of marriage and family. Igor Kuznetsov, candidate of historical sciences MIVSU.
12.00 – 1.00 pm	Lunch
1.30 – 2.30 pm	Modern tendencies and changes in social-economic development of Murom

	Andrey Svistunov, candidate of economical sciences MIVSU. Irina Terentyeva, candidate of economical sciences MIVSU. Sergey Kolganov , graduate of MIVSU, social worker.
3.00 – 5.00 pm	Performance at Murom "Dom Tvorchestva" (House of Creative Activity) with the participation of male folk singing group "Muroma", folk costume workshop, toy-makers, and exhibition of Murom craftsmen.
5.30 – 6.30 pm	Boat trip on the Oka river.
7.00 pm	Group dinner.

Saturday, July 12	
Topic: Youth in the Province	
9.00	Breakfast.
9.30 – 12.00	Meeting with students from MIVSU. Social projects of students, youth parliament, committees.(Kolganov Sergey, Gladysheva Elena, Nikitova Anna) Round table discussion of “Civil society” in the USA and Russia Natalia Zhilenko, senior instructor of foreign languages department MIVSU, Elena Pankratova - candidate of pedagogical sciences MIVSU.
12.30 – 1.30 pm	Lunch.
1.30 – 3.00 pm	Roundtable discussion of Education in Russia and America
3.30 – 4.30p m	Concert of classical music. Elena Ponomareva – director of Murom Philharmonic Society.
5.00 – 6.00pm	Pot luck farewell dinner.

Sunday, July 13	
9.00	Breakfast.
10:30	Leave Murom for Vladimir
In Vladimir	
1:00 – 2:30	Lunch
3:00 – 6:00	Free time
6:00 – 8:00	Dinner at the American Home with host families (that are still in town) and selected presenters
Evening	Leave for St. Petersburg by train

St. Petersburg (July 14-17)

Monday, July 14	
9:45	Arrival in St. Pete (9:45 am) and check in at Hotel Moskva Breakfast on the train
11:00-2:00	Tour of Peter and Paul fortress Lunch at a café in the fortress
2:30-4:30	Tour of the Russian Museum Discussion of how changes in Russian art have been influenced by political and social change Led by Alexei Kurbanovsky (senior scholar, Russian Museum)
	Free time, walk around city
Evening	Dinner
Tuesday, July 15	
8:00	Breakfast—hotel buffet

10:00-2:00	Tour the Hermitage Museum Discussion of how the life style of the tsars—and the rest of the nobility—influenced (may have influenced) Russian history Led by Natalia Krollau (senior scholar, Hermitage Museum) Lunch at a buffet in the Hermitage
2:30-5:00	Historical tour of the city (visit the Peskarov Memorial cemetery—WWII) Led by Boris Kolonitskii (professor of history, European University, St. Pete)
6:00	Dinner –hotel buffet
8:00	Ballet at the Opera and Ballet Theater – optional (ticket cost: approximately \$90)
Wednesday, July 16	
7:30	Breakfast – hotel buffet.
9:00	Visit the museum devoted to the Siege of Leningrad. (On the way to Pushkin.)
10:00-4:00	Go to Pushkin See the Yekatirininski Palace (Catherine the Great Palace and park.) Lunch at a café in Pushkin .
5:00	Return to St. Petersburg Visit the Museum – Monument “Our Savior on the Blood”
7:00	Dinner Free time downtown, shopping at the souvenir market.
Thursday, July 17	
7:30	Breakfast – hotel buffet.
	Canal boat trip--weather permitting
10:00-4:00	Trip to Peterhoff. – Peter the Great’s summer palace Lunch –at a café in the lower park of Peterhoff.
4:00	Return to St. Pete and visit St. Isaak’s Cathedral
Evening	Dinner at a café downtown.
Night	Depart by night train for Moscow
Moscow (July 18-21)	
Friday, July 18	
Morning	Arrival in Moscow Check in at the hotel “Izmailovo - A” Breakfast at a café in the hotel.
11:00-4:00	City tour (the recently rebuilt Our Savior Cathedral and the museum of the Great Patriotic War included) Lunch at a café downtown.
4:00-5:30	Meeting with Sidney Bardwell, General Manager of John Deere Ag Holdings Russia Discussion on agriculture and agribusiness development in Russia
Evening	Dinner
Saturday, July 19	
8:00	Breakfast at a restaurant in the hotel.
9:00-3:00	Visit Lenin’s Tomb and tour the Moscow Kremlin (the Cathedrals and the Armory included). Lunch near the Kremlin
3:30-5:00	Meeting with Andrey Kortunov, President of the New Eurasia Foundation Discussion of the development of civil society in Russia

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Evening	Dinner
Sunday, July 20	
8:00	Breakfast at the hotel.
9:00-11:30	Free time at the souvenir market "Izmailovo" (excellent source for "show and tell" teaching materials)
11:30-12:30	Lunch at a café in Izmailovo.
1:00-3:00	Tour of the Museum of the Modern History of Russia.
3:00-4:30	Tour of the Moscow metro.
5:30	Farwell dinner at a café in the hotel
Evening	Moscow circus
Monday, July 21	
7:30	Breakfast at the hotel
9:00	Go to the airport
1:10	Delta flight #47
5:00	Arrive in Atlanta, clear customs.
6:49	Depart Atlanta for Chicago O'Hare, Delta #1028
7:52	Arrive in Chicago