

# RUSSIAN LANGUAGE ACADEMY RUSSIAN FOR POLITICS

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The course is highly recommended to all students who study foreign affairs, diplomacy, international relations, economics, sociology and of course - Russian as a foreign language. The course is also valuable for everyone who works in any of these fields and wants to penetrate into Russian used in political contexts. Moreover, you will greatly widen the communicative competences in the professional and public political sphere. In addition, you will greatly expand your knowledge about some political related aspects of the world, including Russia. Be sure you will develop specialized political vocabulary used to discuss politics and of course will brush the relevant grammar.

Five modules provide deeper knowledge of modern Russia, its president, government, public authorities and society. Modules will also allow you to focus on your home country and you have the freedom to combine modules and even themes of the modules according to your needs and interest. The sixth module gives an insight into Latvia's history and relationship with other countries of the world.

#### MODULES "RUSSIAN FOR POLITICS"

Russian for politics is an individual course and takes place in the afternoons. Students who wish to maximize their time spent in Latvia as effectively as possible may additionally take group Standard Russian (20 lessons per week) taught in the mornings. Standard Russian covers all aspects of the language and aims to develop students' communicative efficiency in the shortest possible time.

#### Module no 1 Introduction into political Russian

- Political vocabulary
- Governmental structures of Latvia and student's home country
- The most important political events in the the country's history (Latvia or Russia and student's home country
- EU and Nato countries on the political map (countries, their capitals, nationalities, spoken languages)
- Russia's and student's country's membership in the International Organizations

#### Module no 2 Let's get acquainted with Russia

- Russia's physical and economic geography
- Symbols of Russia coat of arms, flag, anthem
- Political parties and movements in Russia
- The national and religious composition of the population
- The diversity of cultural worlds

#### Module no 3 Russia and the president

- Elections in Russia and presidential election procedure in Russia
- Structure of the government
- Functions of the president and the Russian parliament and Institution of the presidency
- The opposition's view on Putin's 2 decades of governing.
- Corruption or not? Winter Olympic games in subtropics, Sochi.

#### Module no 4 Citizens of the World

- The collapse of the USSR in 1989-1991
- Life in the countryside or in a city, pluses and minuses
- Migration features and labor resources
- Intellectual emigration
- Health care and problems of an aging society

## Module no 5 Public authorities and society

- Principles of state sovereignty and separation of powers
- Legislative bodies
- Judicial system
- Social structure of the society
- Social inequality

### Module no 6 Culture, politics and society in Latvia

- Latvia member of the EU and NATO
- UNESCO world heritage and Latvia
- Unique cultural events
- Latvian achievements on a global scale
- Memorial and remembrance days in Latvia and in all the world

## **General info:**

Minimum level: B1

No of modules offered: 6,

No of individual lessons per module: 10 Minimum enrolment: 1 module per week

Price for 1 module (10 individual lessons): 480 EUR