Looking for ways to apply and improve your Russian language skills or your knowledge of Russian history, literature or culture?

Looking for ways to engage in community service?

Would like to study/intern in Russia but cannot fit it in your academic schedule?

Would like to get credit for your volunteer service?

NEW! SATISFIES R&E AND CAN BE USED AS A SLAVIC/RUSSIAN COGNATE COURSE!

SLAVIC 316/RCLANG 333
RUSSIAN SERVICE LEARNING IN ACTION NETWORK (RUSLAN); TTH 2:30-4;
3 CREDITS

Course description:

This course is oriented towards all learners of Russian language, history and culture who want to apply and improve their newly acquired language skills and area-studies knowledge by directly and personally engaging with the local Russophone community. In the on-campus element of the course, we explore the history, nature and features of Russian immigration in the US and the social issues, needs and problems facing local Russian community, especially seniors, and discuss the reasons for renewed interest in Russian culture among Americans and at the local school level. We will also work on the development of service reflection skills, analyze and debate on service situations and work on developing job skills necessary to perform project services effectively and beneficially for everyone involved.

All levels of Russian proficiency are accommodated, while some activities require no knowledge of Russian. Based on their academic and language backgrounds, students will be invited to select a regular service activity (e.g., language partners, ESL, computer tutoring, companionship, translation) and/or sign up for one or more occasional ones (e.g., the quarterly county job distribution program, senior trips to concerts, etc.).

Course requirements:

- 2-3 hrs/wk of community service
- 2 class meetings/wk to receive training, discuss assigned articles, debrief on specific service situations and debate on the issues dealing with service experiences
- a weekly structured academic/civic reflection journal
- a final report on experiences/challenges of service performed
- regular performance evaluations (self and by community partners)

Then we have an opportunity and a course for you!

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http://www.umich.edu/~resco/RUSLAN.html;

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Course info: Slavic 316 (LSA and other schools)/RC Lang 333 (all RC students); TTh 2:30-4, 3 credits. Experiential Credit; R&E credit; can serve as a cognate for Russian/Slavic Dept Majors.

Prerequisites: 1 course in Russian language, history, or culture or native proficiency in Russian; no knowledge of Russian is required for some activities

Pre-course info: http://www.umich.edu/~resco/RUSLAN.html; new volunteer/pre-course survey https://lessons.ummu.umich.edu/2k/ruslan_student_survey/survey_001_01