

Title: The Russian Flagship at the Middlebury Summer School

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The goal of the NSEP/Flagship program at the Kathryn Wasserman Davis School of Russian at Middlebury College, part of the Flagship consortium, is to bring the level of student proficiency in all skills from a 1.9 (intermediate high), required for entry into the program, to a 2.0 (advanced low), in order to prepare them for further study on the NSEP/Flagship for the following academic year in St. Petersburg, Russia. The combination of the Russian-only atmosphere, four hours a day of language instruction, the opportunity to audit graduate courses, and the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of cultural activities unique to the Middlebury School of Russian have helped Flagship students meet this goal. In addition, Flagship program participants work an hour a day with a tutor in order to hone those skills that need the greatest attention. My presentation will discuss the linguistic and cultural preparation of Flagship students at the Middlebury School of Russian in the larger context of its unique combination of academic and cultural programs. I will discuss the curricula at the advanced levels in the program at which Flagship students study and efforts to prepare Flagship students for the St. Petersburg Flagship program. I will present student outcomes at the School of Russian generally and examine samples of the work of Middlebury Flagship students.