

Title: An Undergraduate Flagship Program: Can Students Get from Novice to Superior in Four Years

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As stated in the goals of the Language Flagship, the federal initiative “supports undergraduate and post-BA language programs and a limited number of pilot K-12 programs. Flagship centers and programs are based at institutions around the United States and offer an on-campus curriculum coupled with an articulated period of at least 1 year of intensive study at an Overseas Flagship Center.”

UCLA has been part of the Russian Language Consortium (with the American Councils, Bryn Mawr, the University of Maryland, the Middlebury Russian Summer School) since 2005. Starting in 2008-09 we have reconfigured the program to admit beginning students of Russian. The goal is to create a four-year program that will develop students’ proficiencies from Novice to Advanced or higher in order to prepare them for a year in St.Petersburg to achieve the Superior level. We will discuss the curriculum for all levels of instruction and the articulation between the levels. We will demonstrate and analyze samples of students' written and oral presentations from the first to the fourth year.