

Yerevan, Armenia



Language Link, in collaboration with Partners IN Education (PINEGROUP), offers its Russian language and culture programme in Yerevan, Armenia. Located in the educational complex of the French University in Armenia (UFAR) and the European University of Armenia (EUA), the programme provides modern, spacious classrooms within a dynamic academic environment. Both institutions are long-standing partners in European higher education and provide a dynamic academic setting. Taught by highly qualified native Russian-speaking instructors with university credentials, the courses provide an immersive language experience. Students will also benefit from a vibrant academic environment, surrounded by a friendly and supportive community of students and academic staff.

Yerevan: Straddling the Hrazdan River, Yerevan (Երևան) is not only Armenia's capital and largest city but also one of the world's oldest continuously inhabited settlements. For many first-time visitors, preconceptions about this million-strong metropolis are quickly overturned. Yerevan is a city of striking contrasts: Bentleys and Mercedes share the roads with Ladas and Volgas old enough to belong in museums; traditional pandoks serving khoravats (barbecued meats) and oghee (fruit vodka) sit side-by-side with sleek, European-style wine bars; and on the streets, fashion shifts from hipster chic to babushka scarves with countless variations in between. Summer evenings bring the city alive, with locals strolling along lamplit boulevards toward the famous musical fountains in Republic Square. Along the way, they pass cafés and shops washed in soft hues that earned Yerevan its nickname, "The Pink City." Built from volcanic tuff stone, the buildings glow in shades of rose and earthy brown, giving the city a character unlike any other. Despite modernization and Soviet-era construction erasing much of its ancient past, Yerevan still rewards the curious. Step through a dalan (archway), and you may stumble upon a hidden 19th-century balcony or a tucked-away church that reveals a quieter layer of the city's story. Today, Yerevan mirrors Armenia itself: warm, welcoming, and largely homogeneous in population. Armenian is the sole official language, but Russian remains widely spoken—with much of the population using it in daily life.

Why study Russian in Yerevan

Yerevan provides a warm, hospitable environment for studying Russian, rooted in Armenia's long history of cultural and political ties with Russia. Russian has traditionally been a second language in Armenia, widely taught and spoken across generations, making it easy for learners to interact with locals in Russian while absorbing Armenian customs and traditions. Armenia's location at the crossroads of Europe and Asia also enriches the experience, offering a perspective on how Russian connects people across different cultures. In Yerevan, students can deepen their Russian skills in a welcoming setting that is both distinct from Russia and deeply linked to its cultural sphere.

Accommodation

Students wishing to study in Yerevan are able to choose from a range of accommodation options to meet their needs. These include hotels, apartments and short-term rentals. Please see the Accommodation section on the RLUS website for approximate costs.

Homestay Accommodation: Language Link can also arrange homestay accommodation where suitable placements are available. However, students should be aware that homestay availability in Yerevan can be limited. Many families live in relatively small apartments and may not have a separate bedroom available for a visiting student. For this reason, homestay accommodation cannot always be guaranteed, particularly when several students request this option for the same period. Students interested in homestay accommodation are therefore encouraged to request it as early as possible. Where a suitable homestay cannot be arranged, students will need to select one of the other available accommodation options.

Visas

Armenia is extremely liberal in its visa requirements with many of its visa rules having been implemented unilaterally.

1. Citizens of the following countries may enter the Republic of Armenia for up to 180 days per year.
 - a. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
 - b. United States of America
 - c. European Union
 - d. Citizens of the following countries (in alphabetical order): Andorra, Australia, Iceland, Japan, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Montenegro, New Zealand, Norway, Qatar, Republic of Korea, San Marino, Singapore, Switzerland, Vatican City State, and United Arab Emirates.
2. If your nationality and/ or affiliation does not figure in the list above, please consult <https://www.mfa.am/en/visa/> for further information.

NB. Visa and entry requirements are subject to change. Students should confirm the requirements applicable to their nationality before travelling.

3. Students intending to remain in Armenia beyond the period permitted under their visa-free entry conditions, including those planning to leave and subsequently return, should seek advice in advance regarding any applicable visa or residence requirements.

Syllabus

Language Link follows its established syllabus model, combining the key areas of Russian language study:

1. Grammar – 4 academic hours per week
2. Translation – 4 academic hours per week
3. Reading, Vocabulary, Phonetics or Literature – 4 academic hours per week
4. Conversational Practice – 4 academic hours per week

5. Essay Writing – 2 academic hours per week
6. Integrative Language Experience (ILEx) Project – 4 academic hours every fourth teaching week

The programme follows a four-week cycle. During the first three weeks, students receive 18 hours of classroom tuition. In the fourth week, students receive 14 hours of classroom tuition together with four hours of structured independent study devoted to their ILEx Project.

The ILEx Project gives students the opportunity to pursue an individual area of interest while connecting classroom learning with authentic, real-world experience. Projects may involve research, interviews, visits, observation, engagement with Russian-language sources, or other forms of independent enquiry. While the syllabus provides a consistent framework, teachers may adjust the balance of classes slightly to reflect the needs and abilities of each group. All components contribute to the overall course fulfilment requirements.

Course Dates and Reading Weeks

Autumn Semester (Programme Start Dates and End Dates)			
My RLUS programme starts in	My programme is	My programme starts on	My programme ends on
August 2027	13 weeks	23/08/2027	19/11/2027
	16 weeks	23/08/2027	10/12/2027
	33 weeks	23/08/2027	10/12/2027
Spring Semester (Programme Start Dates and Finish Dates)			
My RLUS programme Starts/ resumes in	My programme is	My programme starts on	My programme ends on
February 2028	13 weeks	07/02/2028	05/05/2028
	17 weeks	07/02/2028	02/06/2028
	33 weeks	07/02/2028	02/06/2028

Reading Weeks

Semester	Programme Length	Reading Week Dates
Autumn term	13-, 16-, and 33-week students	11/10/2027 – 15/10/2027 (one week)
Spring term	13-, 17-, 33-week students	13/03/2028 – 17/03/2028 (one week)
	17- and 33-week students	08/05/2028 – 12/05/2028 (one week)

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