

Yes! I am interested in the
2012 Russia Study abroad Trip.

Please send me more information on the MGT
580/BUS 480 Russia Study Abroad Program.

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Please submit information request to:

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810.424.3318
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Responsibility

The University of Michigan-Flint acts as an agent for members of the study program. However, the University will not be responsible for delays, injuries, damages, loss or accidents to persons or property from any cause whatsoever. Affiliated organizations in Russia likewise accept no responsibility arising out of the above factors. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act or event during the time passengers are not on board their aircraft. The passenger's ticket shall constitute the sole contract between airline and student. We reserve the right to cancel this program prior to departure for any reason, including insufficient number of participants, in which case refunds will be made to applicants. If it becomes necessary or advisable for any reason whatsoever to alter the itinerary arrangements, such alternations may be made. Additional expenses, if any, shall be borne by the passenger, likewise refunds shall be made to the passenger if any saving is effected. If a student's status in the course is discontinued due to inappropriate or illegal activity, the student will bear the costs involved with the termination. Enrollment and payment for the program constitutes your acceptance of the program conditions.

Insurance

The University requires all students to purchase Travel Abroad Health Insurance through HTH Worldwide. This international health insurance policy will cost approximately \$16 (\$1/day plus a \$5 handling fee.)



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***The Russia Study Abroad trip is
being offered in collaboration
with Dr. Greg Allar's class from
Oakland University.***

Challenges of Change: Business In Russia

Study Abroad Trip
May 10 - 20, 2012





Togliatti, one of Flint's sister cities, is located in the center of Western Russia on the scenic banks of the Volga river, 600 miles southeast of Moscow. Togliatti is a large industrial center in Samara, a top five region in Russia for foreign investment. Like Flint, Togliatti is one of the automotive centers of Russia, and is the home of AutoVAZ, a top car manufacturer in Russia and Eastern Europe. AutoVAZ produces more than 700,000 cars annually at its facilities in Togliatti, and will soon produce Chevrolets for the Russian market as a result of a recently announced joint venture with General Motors.

Togliatti Academy of Management (formerly the International Academy of Business and Banking) is one of the leading business schools in Russia. Established in 1991, after the collapse of the Soviet Union, the TAM is dedicated to facilitating the transition to a free market economy in Russia, by providing high-quality university education to train future business leaders in banking, finance, technology, management and economics.

There has been an ongoing collaboration between TAM and UM-Flint over the last few years. During the 1999-2000 academic year, eight UM-Flint faculty members traveled to Russia and taught classes at TAM in business, economics and management with a grant from the U.S. State Department. In addition, students, faculty and administrators from TAM have regularly visited UM-Flint.

Moscow is Russia's leading economic, political and cultural center, with a population of almost 9 million people. The city was first established in the year 1271, and has been the capital of Russia since 1547.

Tentative Itinerary

Departure for Togliatti, Russia, will be Thursday, May 10, 2012. The group will spend several days in Togliatti, Russia as guests of the Togliatti Academy of Management. Then on May 16, the group will travel to Moscow staying there until departing for the U.S. on Sunday, May 20. A finalized itinerary will be available prior to departure in May 2012.

Program Eligibility

Any graduate or undergraduate student in the School of Management at UM-Flint is eligible for the Russia trip. MBA students should enroll for MGT 580: Special Topics in International Business Study Abroad, which will count as general businesses and international business credit. BBA students should register for BUS 480: Special Topics in International Study Abroad.

Course Cancellation Policy

Students, who register and then decide not to attend, must notify the Registrar's Office in writing by April 1, 2012, to avoid tuition charges. Non-credit participants who decide not to attend must notify the School of Management by April 1, 2012, to avoid the registration fee.

The cancellation policy applies to both credit and non-credit registrants. The Russia trip has a minimum requirement of 12 students. If sufficient enrollment is not met by April 12, 2012, there is a possibility that this study trip will be cancelled.

Scholarships and Student Loans

Scholarships for international study trips and student loans are available for credit seeking students. For information regarding Loans and Scholarships, contact the Financial Aid Office, 277 University Pavilion, 810.762.3444 or Dr. Ananth Aiyer, Director of International & Global Studies 810.762.0867.

Program Costs

The Program cost (excluding airfare) will be approximately \$2,200 depending on exchange rate fluctuations. This covers visa fee, housing, food, local transportation, guest lecture fee, tours, etc. However, the fee does not include: tuition, airfare and any additional out of pocket expenses, which will be the responsibility of the participants.

Passports are required and applications may be obtained at your nearest U.S. Post Office. In addition, visas are required for travel to Russia. Information on visa applications will be provided by the program coordinators.

A partially-refundable deposit of \$300 is due by December 16, 2011 and must be submitted with the application. Applications and enrollment deposits must be submitted to the **Office of Study Abroad** (219 UCEN). 50% of the program fee is due by February 17, 2012. Final payment for program fee is due by March 9, 2012.

All UM-Flint policies apply. Please refer to the 2011-2012 Course Schedule for course registration. Please submit payment for the course to:

Cashier's Office
261 University Pavilion
University of Michigan-Flint
Flint, MI 48502-1950
810-762-3490

The course enrollment is limited to the first 15 participants who make their deposits to enroll in the program.

EXPERIENCE RUSSIA



The purpose of the Russia Study Abroad trip is to see and learn firsthand how Russia is managing the change from a centrally planned economy to a

more market-based economic system. Students will visit and observe Russian businesses, financial institutions and manufacturing plants in the Samara region, and will learn what challenges and opportunities exist in Russia today. Furthermore, students will have the opportunity to share and exchange ideas with Russian BBA and MBA students at the Togliatti Academy of Management (TAM), one of the most progressive and innovative business schools in Russia.

Prior to departure, the course will include a series of required lectures and seminars with faculty and guest speakers on the Russian economy, politics and business environment, as well as on its rich history and culture. Most of these meetings will take place during on-campus MBA *NetPlus!* residencies. Lectures and seminars will also continue at TAM in classes combined with Russian business students, featuring TAM faculty, UM-Flint faculty, and Russian business owners and executives.

The course will also include a trip to Moscow, Russia's capital, to visit historic sites such as the Kremlin, Red Square, Lenin's Tomb, and to meet with international businesses and organizations operating in Russia.