

## WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

# RUSSIAN AGRICULTURE

## BAT 300/600, 3 HRS.

### TRAVEL DATES: MARCH 10-21, 2010

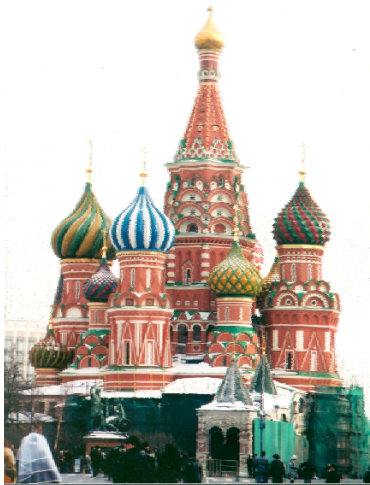


### Program Overview:

Geographically, Russia is the largest country in the world with the fifth largest population yet almost 50 percent of the food in Russia is imported. This has led the USDA's Foreign Ag Service to classify Russia as an Emerging Market—a country with the developing potential for U.S. agricultural products. This Study Abroad Course will expose participants to the potential for future agricultural trade and educate them as to the cultural background of this growing trading partner.

To understand Russia's economy and trading needs, their culture must also be understood. Included in this course are significant historical and cultural components, focusing primarily on Moscow and St. Petersburg. Participants will also have the opportunity to formally and informally interact with students from Russian institutions of higher education.

Participants involved with this course will be exposed to Russian agriculture through on-site visits of Russian farms, agribusinesses, and agricultural academies. Pre-departure lectures and discussions will provide introductory background and cultural



### Course Enrollment and Prerequisites:

Undergraduates will be enrolled in BAT 300 while graduate students will be enrolled in BAT 600. All students will be enrolled for 3 semester hours. On-campus class sessions will be held on January 24 and 31, February 7, 14, 21, and 28, and March 7 and 28, 6-8 p.m.. Students are also required to attend a pre-departure orientation

session conducted by the Center for International Studies.

**Eligibility requirements: Undergraduates**—Completed at least 45 or more semester hours by the end of the Fall 2009 semester, minimum 2.5 overall GPA, and clearance from Student Judicial Programs. **Graduates**—Must be accepted into a WIU graduate program, submission of a letter of support signed by both their academic advisor and department chair, and clearance from Student Judicial Programs. **All majors are welcome!**

Total enrollment for the program is limited to 25 participants.

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