



## THE LANGUAGE FLAGSHIP

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### THE RUSSIAN FLAGSHIP DIFFUSION OF INNOVATION PROJECT

#### ABSTRACT

The Russian Diffusion project is designed to strengthen the teaching of Russian in undergraduate institutions by providing reliable, on-line assessment tools for evaluating individual student performances in reading, listening, and integrated writings tasks (using the ILR scale) at regular points throughout a course of study. The project also generates group-level data for instructors and program administrators for use in assessing the effectiveness of new curricula, new teaching techniques, and immersion study. Performance-based data is critical for Flagship institutions in setting qualification requirements for entering Flagship students, whether heritage or traditional, sharing data and results with other Flagship institutions, and assessing the readiness of students to undertake content-based study, internships, and overseas study.

The Russian Flagship Diffusion Project currently serves five institutions: ACTR, Bryn Mawr College, Middlebury College (Summer Russian School), UCLA, and University of Maryland, College Park. Each has committed to using and sharing the Flagship Qualifying Examination in their articulation programs for entering and transfer students, assessment of returning study abroad students, and evaluation of all graduating students. In the future, access to the exam will be expanded to serve the needs of a larger group of American institutions who are committed to re-engineering existing curricula and preparing students for Flagship-level training.

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