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Gilman Global Experience: Sean Deegan, Route to Class Video Transcript

Hello, my name is Sean Deegan. I am a student with Temple University in Philadelphia in the United States. I am a Political Science major and my academic minors are History and Russian studies, that includes language, culture, history and politics.

This is pretty much the route I take every day. Right over here, that was built in the '50s by German POWs (prisoners of war) who were kidnapped on the Eastern front. The Soviets detained them and they were forced by hard labor to build the seven "Stalinist skyscraper sisters." One of them is Moscow State University.

This is the way that I walk to class every day. I'm walking there right now. Usually I walk to class and I don't leave until six o'clock at night and I wake up at 6:30 to get ready and get there on time. This route is just the main road that runs through Moscow. It goes from the outskirts apartment buildings here, through the campus, all the way past the Kremlin, and then out into the Oblast. It continues along the highway system around the Golden Ring, which is like the rings that surround central European Russia.

The route just has a ton of apartment buildings on it. It's all Stalinist architecture, and people walking around trying to get their job done. It's just a half-hour walk every day, but this is what all of us do, Americans, all the foreign kids, even the Russian kids that come here in the language department. Our building is all the way on the other side of campus. We can't take the metro there. The only metro stop on campus is Universitet. Some people take the bus, but it uses up too much money if you have to do it every day, so a lot of us just get up early and walk there. And it pretty much works for us.



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