

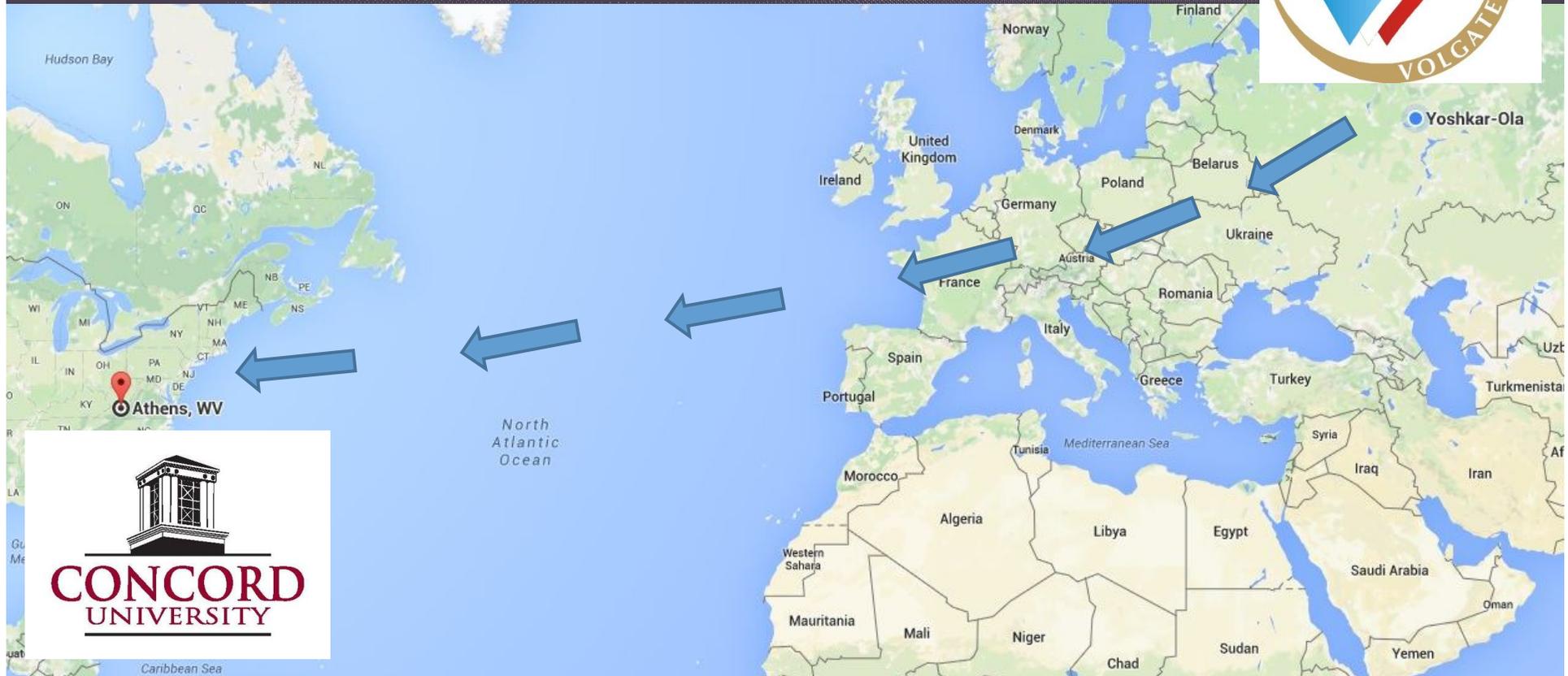
Certain aspects of recognition
of learning workload and
grades: a case of Russian –
American exchange
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Individual educational plan

Name of courses	Credits	exam/pass
1) Managing Tourism Resources (instead of Russian "Monitoring in Travel Industry")	3 credits	Passing grade
2) Second Foreign Language	8 credits	exam
3) Programs and Operations in Recreation (instead of Russian class "Programs and Kinds of Activities in Recreation Field")	3 credits/4 credits	exam
4) Lodging management (instead of Russian class "Lodging Management")	3 credits/4 credits	exam
5) Principles of Marketing	3 credits	exam
6) Measuring Tourism Resources	3 credits	Transferring grades from Concord University
7) American Indians and Indigenous Cultures	3 credits	

Exchange program with Concord University, USA



Concord University, West Virginia, USA



Difficulties in credits and grades transferring from American to Russian system

- ⌘ Lack of tried and true system of grades and credits transferring in a level of administration and faculty staff in VolgaTech.
- ⌘ Fundamental and technical differences in educational systems of Russia and USA
- ⌘ Unwillingness of Dean's office and particular individuals to "muddy the waters" with documentation and incurring extra responsibilities

Differences between Russian and American educational systems' structure

- ‡ One academic hour in USA is 50 minutes, while in Russia it is 45 minutes.
- ‡ USA has a traditional Anglo-Saxon grading system, where "A" is close to Russian "great", "B" to "good", «C» to «Adequate», etc.
- ‡ Classes in universities of USA have levels of difficulty.

For instance, «English 101» – it is a level of English for freshmen, «English 102» – is an intermediate level , «English 301» – for advanced students and so on.

- ‡ Every class in USA is graded.

Main technical difficulties of transferring grades

- ⌘ Difference in amount of academic hours between alike classes in USA and Russia;
- ⌘ Russian university requirement of course work

Thank you for your
attention!