Russian and History BA /

If your interests lean strongly towards history and you have A level History (or equivalent), our Russian and History BA provides a coherent combination of modules drawing on the abundance of expertise and material we offer in these fields. Russian can be started from scratch, or taken at higher levels for those who have studied the language previously.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2019

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// The programme is designed both for students with little or no previous knowledge of Russian (Mode One), and for students with Russian A level or equivalent (Mode Two).

// Russian at UCL will give you the opportunity to learn from academics who are experts in language, literature, film, history, economics, and politics. There is a range of cultural options to choose from.

// You will spend your third year studying in Russia. If you are starting this degree programme with no prior knowledge of Russian, your first year will also involve a month in Russia.

// The UCL School of Slavonic & Eastern European Studies (SSEES) is the largest national centre in the UK for the study of Central, Eastern and South-East Europe and Russia. The SSEES Library contains over 400,000 books, journals and film resources.

Degree structure

In each year of your degree you will take a number of individual modules, normally valued at 15 or 30 credits, adding up to a total of 120 credits for the year. Modules are assessed in the academic year in which they are taken. The balance of compulsory and optional modules varies from programme to programme and year to year. A 30-credit module is considered equivalent to 15 credits in the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

Compulsory Russian language modules form part of years one, two and four for all students. For the other half of the degree you can choose from the wealth of history modules taught in SSEES, elsewhere at UCL and throughout the University of London, as well as from the full range of Russian literature and culture modules.

Your third year is spent in Russia. The department can offer a choice of options not only in Moscow and St Petersburg but also in other cities. Immersing yourself in the language and culture of Russia will significantly improve your language fluency and the depth of your understanding.

YEAR ONE

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Frontiers of History
// The Making of Modern Russian Culture
// Mode One students will take Comprehension of Russian (Year 1A) and Use of Russian (Year 1A) to the value of 1.0 credit.
// Mode Two students will take Comprehension of Russian (Year 1) and Use of Russian (Year 1) to the value of 1.0 credit.

Optional modules

// Optional choices may include:
// Representations of Russia
// Russian Cinema: History, Politics, Society
// Russian Short Prose

YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Mode One students will take Comprehension of Russian (Year 2A) and Use of Russian (Year 2A) to the value of 1.0 credit.
// Mode Two students will take Comprehension of Russian (Year 2) and Use of Russian (Year 2) to the value of 1.0 credit.

Optional modules

// You will select 3.0 credits from all Russian and History year two optional modules (subject to availability).

YEAR THREE

Year abroad

// You will spend your third year abroad in Russia.

FINAL YEAR

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Use of Russian (Year 4)

Optional modules

// You will select 1.5 credits in Russian and 2.0 credits in History from a wide range of optional modules.
Your learning

You will follow an integrated language programme including classes in written and spoken Russian. In both language and content courses, we offer lively and varied teaching methods including lectures, seminars and small classes in which the focus is on active student participation.

Assessment

You will be assessed by written, oral and aural examinations, presentations, coursework essays, and a dissertation. Some elements of assessment throughout the programme count towards your final degree while others are used to monitor your progress and provide you with advice on how to improve.

Your career

Graduates will be equipped with Russian language skills and an understanding of the political, economic and cultural factors involved in Russian society. These attributes are sought after by governmental and non-governmental organisations, consultancies, as well as commercial, finance and media organisations (particularly those with cross-border practices or activities).

Leading figures from government and business regularly stress the need for well-qualified Russianists. Our students are capable of taking on employment in a variety of fields where use of Russian is key. A degree with Russian can lead to a career in journalism, in the civil service, as well as in cross-border businesses and financial organisations.

First destinations of recent graduates (2013-2015) of this programme include:

- Associate Analyst, GPW
- Reporter, Insider Publishing
- Legal Intern, Attwells LLP
- Full-time student, MA in Translation and Professional Language Skills, University of Bath

Your application

Application for admission should be made through UCAS (the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service). Applicants currently at school or college will be provided with advice on the process; however, applicants who have left school or who are based outside the United Kingdom may obtain information directly from UCAS.

In addition to meeting the academic criteria, you are likely to enjoy and be successful at studying Russian if you have an interest in and aptitude for studying languages, a sustained interest in literary, historical and cultural studies, and are keen to take advantage of the social and linguistic opportunities on offer while living in Russia as part of your degree.

We will assess your application and then decide whether to make you an offer. If you are offered a place on the programme and live in the UK, you will be invited to an applicant open day.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS
Standard Offer: ABB. History required.
Contextual Offer: BBB. History required.

GCSE
English Language and a foreign language (other than Ancient Greek, Biblical Hebrew or Latin) at grade B or 6, plus Mathematics at grade C or 5.

IB DIPLOMA
Standard Offer: 34. A score of 16 points in three higher level subjects including History, with no score lower than 5.
Contextual Offer: 32. A score of 15 points in three higher level subjects including History, with no score lower than 5.

CONTEXTUAL OFFERS – ACCESS UCL SCHEME
As part of our commitment to increasing participation from underrepresented groups, students may be eligible for a contextual offer as part of the Access UCL scheme. For more information see www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS
UCL considers a wide range of UK and international qualifications for entry into its undergraduate programmes. Full details are given at: www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals

UNDERGRADUATE PREPARATORY CERTIFICATES (International foundation courses)
UCL Undergraduate Preparatory Certificates (UPCs) are intensive one-year foundation courses for international students of high academic potential who are aiming to gain access to undergraduate degree programmes at UCL and other top UK universities.

Typical UPC students will be high achievers in a 12-year school system which does not meet the standard required for direct entry to UCL.

For more information see: www.ucl.ac.uk/upc.

TUITION FEES
The fees indicated are for undergraduate entry in the 2018/19 academic year. The UK/EU fees shown are for the first year of the programme at UCL only. Fees for future years may be subject to an inflationary increase. The Overseas fees shown are the fees that will be charged to 2018/19 entrants for each year of study on the programme, unless otherwise indicated below.

// UK & EU: £9,250 (2018/19)
// Overseas: £19,390 (2018/19)

Overseas fees for the 2019/20 academic year are expected to be available in July 2018. Undergraduate UK/EU fees are capped by the UK Government and are expected to be available in October 2018. Full details of UCL’s tuition fees, tuition fee policy and potential increases to fees can be found on the UCL Students website.

Additional costs
If you are concerned by potential additional costs for books, equipment, etc. on this programme, please get in touch with the relevant departmental contact (details given on this page).

FUNDING
Various funding options are available, including student loans, scholarships and bursaries. UK students whose household income falls below a certain level may also be eligible for a non-repayable bursary or for certain scholarships. Please see the Fees and funding pages for more details.

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EU referendum
For up-to-date information relating to specific key questions following the UK’s decision to leave the EU, please refer to: www.ucl.ac.uk/ucl-and-europe

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