RUSSIAN STUDIES BA
UCAS CODE: R700
2018 ENTRY

www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus/ssees-lang
Knowledge of Russian gives you direct access to a fascinating cultural and historical tradition and brings you closer to one of the world’s most dynamic geopolitical regions. This degree cultivates a high proficiency in Russian language and develops your skills in analysis, presentation, problem-solving and intercultural understanding.

**Key information**

**Programme starts**  
September 2018

**Location**  
London, Bloomsbury

**Degree benefits**

- The programme is highly compatible with students with little or no previous knowledge of Russian (Mode One), and also for students with Russian A level or equivalent (Mode Two).

- You will have the opportunity to learn from academics who are experts in language, literature, film, history, economics, and politics. There is an exceptional 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.

- UCL 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.

**Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014**

The Research Excellence Framework, or REF, is the system for assessing the quality of research in UK higher education institutions. The 2014 REF was carried out by the UK’s higher education funding bodies, and the results used to allocate research funding from 2015/16.

- 64% rated 4* ('world-leading') or 3* ('internationally excellent')

Learn more about the scope of UCL’s research, and browse case studies, on our Research Impact website.

**Degree structure**

In each year of your degree you will take a number of individual modules, normally valued at 0.5 or 1.0 credits, adding up to a total of 4.0 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 1.0 credit 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. The degree features three tracks which allow for specialisation depending on your own interests:

- Literature and Culture
- Politics and Culture
- History and Culture

You do not have to indicate your choice of track on application to the programme.

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)

- 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.
- Students on the Literature and Culture track must take Russian Short Fiction.
- Students on the History and Culture or Politics and Culture track must take The Making of Modern Russian Culture.

Optional modules

- You will select modules from a wide range of options, in accordance with the study track you have chosen.
- All students (irrespective of mode) will select modules to the value of 2.5 credits.

**YEAR TWO**

Core or compulsory module(s)

- Mode One students will take Comprehension of Russian (Year 2A), 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 credits.
- Plus one of either Identities in 19th Century Russian Literature or The Petersburg Text in 19th Century Russian Literature.
- Students on the Literature and Culture track must also take Russian Poetry: From Pushkin to Brodsky.

Optional modules

- You will select modules from a wide range of options, in accordance with the study track you have chosen.
- All students (irrespective of mode) will select modules to the value of 2.5 credits, except for students on the Literature and Culture track, who will select optional modules to the value of 2.0 credits.

**YEAR THREE**

- You will spend your third year abroad in Russia.
Your learning

You will follow an integrated language programme with classes in written and spoken Russian. We aim to 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 year abroad project. 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 to take 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:

// Full-time student, MSc in Public Management and Governance, LSE (The London School of Economics and Political Science
// Freelance Journalist, The Moscow Times
// Producer, Get Energy Events
// Investment Analyst, Pension Insurance Corporation
// Adjudicator, Financial Ombudsman Service

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**
Grades
AAB-ABB

Subjects
No specific subjects.

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

**IB DIPLOMA**
Points
34-36 overall.

Subjects
A score of 16-17 points in three higher level subjects, with no score lower than 5.

**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)**
The 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.

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**TUITION FEES**
The fees indicated are for undergraduate entry in the 2017/18 academic year and are for the first year of the programme at UCL only. Fees for 2018 entry will appear here as soon as they are available.

- UK & EU: £9,250 (2017/18 - see below)
- Overseas: £17,710 (2017/18)

The UK/EU fee quoted above may be subject to increase for the 2018/19 academic year and for each year of study thereafter and UCL reserves the right to increase its fees in line with UK government policy (including on an annual basis for each year of study during a programme). Fees for overseas students may be subject to an annual increase in subsequent years of study by up to 5%.

Please see the full details of UCL’s fees and possible changes on the UCL Current Students website.

**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/eu-referendum

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