This MA programme is designed to respond to the growing strategic importance of Russia and the former Soviet Union and meet the emerging demand for area-focused academic training. The programme focuses on the unique and challenging political and social environment of the region and students gain valuable analytical and research skills.

**Degree summary**

This degree offers students a structured, focused programme as well as flexibility to pursue individual interests. Study of Russian and post-Soviet politics is supplemented by a wide range of options on other regions of the former Soviet Union and broad thematic issues such as corruption and governance, ethno-political conflict, nationalism, sexual identity and security. Students are also encouraged to learn Russian, Ukrainian or Estonian.

The UCL School of Slavonic & East European Studies (SSEES) is one of the largest UK centres for the study of Russia and the post-Soviet region.

The school has superb research facilities and can point to expertise in a range of disciplines, including language training. The SSEES Library, in particular, is unequalled in Britain in the scope and size of its specialist collections.

Our central London location, regular workshops and events, and close links with employers and alumni afford excellent opportunities for networking and career development.

The programme is delivered through a combination of lectures, seminars, laboratory sessions, workshops, presentations, self-study and specialist language classes. Students are assessed by a variety of methods, including unseen examinations, long essays, coursework and a dissertation.

**Degree structure**

Mode: Full-time: 1 year; Part-time: 2 years

Location: London, Bloomsbury

Students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits. The programme consists of two core modules (45 or 60 credits), optional modules (60 or 75 credits), and a research dissertation (60 credits).

Please note that the list of modules given here is indicative. This information is published a long time in advance of enrolment and module content and availability is subject to change.

**COMPULSORY MODULES**

Students take one core module in Russian Politics (30 credits) and either a 15- or 30-credit core module on another aspect of Russian or post-Soviet politics.

- Russian Politics
- Plus at least one chosen from:
  - Baltic Politics and Society
  - Corruption and Governance Causes, Consequences and Control
  - Informal Practices in Post-Communist Societies
  - Making of Modern Ukraine
  - Russian Foreign Policy

**OPTIONAL MODULES INCLUDE**

- Advanced Quantitative Methods
- Comparative Analysis in Social and Political Research
- Governance and Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe
- Introduction to Discourse Analysis
- Politics of South-East Europe
- Qualitative Methods
- Quantitative Methods
- Security, Identity, Polarity
- Sexuality and Society in Russia and Eastern Europe
- Understanding and Analysing Data
- SSEES language module in Russian, Ukrainian or Estonian at beginner's level or at intermediate or advanced level as appropriate

Up to 30 credits from other SSEES MA modules or other approved UCL departments.

**DISSERTATION/REPORT**

All students undertake an independent research project which culminates in a dissertation of 10,000–12,000 words.
Your career

SSEES Master's graduates with expertise in the politics and societies of Russia and the post-Soviet states have achieved success in both public and private sectors. Career destinations include NGOs, think tanks, risk and business consultancies, diplomacy, government and international organisations, journalism and the media; often – but not always - in roles dealing directly with Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

Employability

The programme allows students to develop a blend of specialist area knowledge, analytical expertise and language skills tailored to their individual interests and requirements. The programme – together with regular workshops and events such as the weekly Post-Soviet Press Group discussion forum - provides opportunities to develop understanding of current developments in Russia and the post-Soviet region alongside deeper theoretical and historical insights into their politics and societies. This skill set leaves students well placed to meet the requirements of employers and policy-makers, or to move on to further study.
Entry requirements

Normally an upper second-class Bachelor's degree in a relevant discipline from a UK university or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard.

**English language proficiency level**

If your education has not been conducted in the English language, you will be expected to demonstrate evidence of an adequate level of English proficiency.

The level of English language proficiency for this programme is: Good. Information about the evidence required, acceptable qualifications and test providers is provided at: www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/english-requirements

Your application

Students are advised to apply as early as possible due to competition for places. Those applying for scholarship funding (particularly overseas applicants) should take note of application deadlines.

When we assess your application we would like to learn:

// why you want to study Russian and Post-Soviet Politics at graduate level
// why you want to study Russian and Post-Soviet Politics at UCL
// what particularly attracts you to the chosen programme
// how your academic and professional background meets the demands of this programme
// where you would like to go professionally with your degree

Together with essential academic requirements, the personal statement is your opportunity to illustrate whether your reasons for applying to this programme match what the programme will deliver.

There is an application processing fee for this programme of £75 for online applications and £100 for paper applications. Further information can be found at: www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/graduate/taught/application.

FEES AND FUNDING 2019/20 ENTRY

// UK: £11,650 (FT), £5,800 (PT)
// EU: £11,650 (FT), £5,800 (PT)
// Overseas: £21,790 (FT), £11,060 (PT)

The tuition fees shown are for the year indicated above. Fees for subsequent years may increase or otherwise vary. Further information on fee status, fee increases and the fee schedule can be viewed on the UCL Students website.

Full details of funding opportunities can be found on the UCL Scholarships website: www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applicants: 26 July 2019

Details on how to apply are available on the website at: www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/apply

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EU referendum

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