RUSSIAN WITH AN EAST EUROPEAN LANGUAGE BA / UCAS CODE: R715 2020 ENTRY

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If you are inspired by language learning and enjoy exploring the similarities and differences between languages, this degree programme offers you the opportunity to study Russian and an east European language in a major/minor combination. You can choose from Bulgarian, Czech/Slovak, Finnish, Hungarian, Polish, Romanian, Serbian/Croatian or Ukrainian.

### Key information

**Programme starts**
September 2020

**Location**
London, Bloomsbury

### Degree benefits

- This 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 offers unrivalled opportunities, with academic expertise in language, literature, film, history, politics and an exceptional range of cultural options.
- 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 & East 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. You will choose a minor language (which counts for 25% of your study time) from Bulgarian, Czech/Slovak, Finnish, Hungarian, Polish, Romanian, Serbian/Croatian or Ukrainian.

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 depth of understanding and fluency.

#### YEAR ONE

- **Core or compulsory module(s)**
  - 30 credits of Russian language modules
  - 30 credits in East European language modules
  - 15 credits from Russian Short Fiction from Romanticism to Postmodernism
  - 30 credits from:
    - The Making of Modern Russian Culture
    - Representations of Russia
    - Russian Cinema: History, Ideology and Society

- **Optional modules**

#### YEAR TWO

- **Core or compulsory module(s)**
  - 30 credits Russian language
  - 30 credits East European language
  - Plus:
    - Identities in Nineteenth Century Russian Literature
    OR
    - The Petersburg "Text" in Russian Literature and Culture: from Romanticism to Modernism

- **Optional modules**
  - 75 credits of optional credits from literature and culture modules
  - View modules

#### YEAR THREE

- **Year abroad**
  - You will spend your third year abroad in Russia, at a partner university.

#### FINAL YEAR

- **Core or compulsory module(s)**
  - Use of Russian (Year 4)
  - Comprehension of Russian (Year 4)
  - East European Language

- **Optional modules**
  - You will select 60 credits from all year four optional Russian modules, which may include:
    - SERS0031 - The Person Love & Utopia in Russian Thought
    - SERS0041 - Essay in Russian
    - SERS0043 - Russian Literature in Revolution: Experiments with Form, 1917-1953
    - SERS0079 - Pushkin
    - SERS0045 Russian Cinema: Innovation and Experiment
    - SERS0051- Russian Literature from the Death of Stalin to the Present: Dissent and Discovery
Your learning

You will follow an integrated language programme including classes in written and spoken Russian and your chosen East European language. 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 and coursework essays. 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.

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. No specific subjects.
**Contextual Offer:** BBB. No specific subjects.

**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 points. A score of 16 points in three higher level subjects, with no score lower than 5.
**Contextual Offer:** 32 points. A score of 15 points in three higher level subjects, 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.

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**TUITION FEES**
The fees indicated are for undergraduate entry in the 2020/21 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 2020/21 entrants for each year of study on the programme, unless otherwise indicated below.

- UK & EU: £9,250 (2020/21)
- Overseas: £21,260 (2020/21)

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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**Brexit**
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/brexit

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