

Programme structure(s) and requirements, levels and modules

Requirements

If students are placed into the preliminary Russian stream the degree programme will be 4 years in length including a preliminary Russian year with no year abroad. If students are placed in the post A-Level or native speaker Russian stream the degree programme will be 4 years in length an optional Year Abroad in a Russian speaking country. Students who opt not to go on the Year Abroad will be required to a 3-year degree programme.

Students must take a minimum of 135 credits in Russian modules and 180 credits in Politics modules in addition to the Year Abroad module in Russian (if applicable) over the period of their studies. The Year Abroad is worth 120 credits and is a compulsory and integral part of the degree programme. The Year Abroad is worth 120 credits. The programme requirements for the 3 year variant are exactly the same as for the 4 year programme but without the Year Abroad requirement.

Structure

Preliminary Year for students in the ab-initio Russian stream

This is a preliminary year for students who enter without a Russian A-Level or equivalent which is dedicated solely to the study of Russian Language. Students take the core 0 credit level 4 module **Introductory Russian**.

Progression Requirements from Preliminary Year to Year 1

Students must pass Introductory Russian with a grade C or above

Year 1 [Entry point for students in the post-A-Level stream] – Level 4

30 Credits of core language module **Russian I OR Russian I N**. Students will take a language test in induction week and placed in the appropriate language stream.

30 Credits compulsory module **Landmarks of Russian Literature**

30 Credits compulsory module **Introduction to Politics**

30 Credits optional Politics module EITHER **Comparative Government and Politics OR International Relations Since 1914**

Progression Requirements to Year 2

To successfully progress from Year 1 to Year 2 students must pass a minimum of 90 credits **including** the core language module. Students who have passed 90 credits without the core language module are not eligible for progression.

Year 2 – Level 5

30 Credits of core language module **Russian II OR Russian II N**

60 Credits optional modules to be chosen from POL-coded modules at level 5.

30 Credits optional modules to be chosen from all modules offered in the School of Languages, Linguistics and Film, the Faculty of Arts or the Politics department subject to space available on modules with the guidance of the students' adviser. These modules may be at level 4 or level 6 with the advisers' agreement.

Progression Requirements to Year Abroad/Final Year

To successfully progress to the Year Abroad (or Final Year for students in the ab-initio stream or students in the post A-Level stream who opt not to go on a Year Abroad) students must pass a minimum of 180 credits from their first and second years including the

core language module. Exceptionally the School may progress a student to the Year Abroad if the student has passed 180 credits from their first and second year but not the core language module. The student must re-sit the failed core language module during the following academic year and may not progress to final year from the Year Abroad until this hurdle has been passed.

Year Abroad

120 Credits optional **Russian Year Abroad** module

Progression Requirements to Final Year from Year Abroad

Presentation of the Year Abroad assessment in an acceptable form.

Final Year – Level 6

30 Credits core language module **Russian III** OR **Russian III N**

Minimum **15** Credits/ Maximum **30** Credits optional modules to be chosen from RUS- coded modules at level 6

60 Credits optional modules to be chosen from POL-coded modules at level 6.

Minimum **0** Credits/ Maximum **15** Credits optional modules to be chosen from all modules offered in the School of Languages, Linguistics and Film or the Faculty of Arts or the Politics department subject to space available on modules with the guidance of the students' adviser. These credits may be at level 5 or 6.

Students are not allowed to take level 4 modules in their final year

Requirements for Award

Students must pass a minimum of 270 credits including the final year core language modules, but not including the Year Abroad module (if applicable). Students who met the numerical requirement for award but who have not passed the final year core language module will be awarded a degree with the alternative exit title Politics and Russian Studies