

# School of Languages, Cultures and Societies

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## *Russian and Slavonic Studies at Leeds*

UNDERGRADUATE  
COURSES



# RUSSIAN AND SLAVONIC STUDIES AT LEEDS



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The University of Leeds has a long Russian Studies tradition: our area was founded in 1918. Whilst mindful of this tradition, we are pioneering a dynamic approach to the subject which means that you will study in a forward-thinking community with a multi-media, cross-disciplinary approach.

## *Top 10 for modern languages and linguistics*

*(The Guardian 2017)*

Russia, with its rich cultural history and extraordinarily turbulent political past, is now without doubt one of the major players in the new world order. Your modules will be organised around four main thematic areas: Language, Literature, Visual Culture and Russian Thought, to ensure that your course provides you with an insight into Russia, making you an expert on this intriguing country.



Our graduates have gone on to work in a variety of sectors both in the UK and overseas, including education, law, communications, banking, public relations, logistics, journalism, tourism, events management, diplomacy, development, translating and interpreting. Some even continue their studies to postgraduate level.

You will be able to join the student-led Slavonic society that organises a range of events and activities including theatre trips and socials. The society organises events to enhance the learning experience of all its members; activities include a film club and social events, a student magazine and networking groups (SlavSoc on Facebook) and a Year Abroad blog. All of these activities help create an intimate and friendly atmosphere among students and staff.



### Important information

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# WHAT WILL I STUDY?



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We incorporate intensive language learning, traditional areas of study such as literature, history and society, and new fields such as visual culture and the media. Experienced native language tutors undertake a high proportion of the teaching.



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*Russian at Leeds incorporates intensive language learning.*

Level 1 concentrates on developing your essential language skills and provides an introduction to Russia's cultural history through literature and visual culture. Core modules cover listening, speaking and writing Russian with regular use of authentic written and audiovisual material, and Russian society and culture. In Levels 2 and 3, after your residence abroad, you will develop advanced language skills and study optional modules which reflect the varied research interests of our staff. Popular options cover language and etiquette in the workplace, individual experiences of the Soviet regime and Russian media.

**Russian B (Beginners):** This Russian language course is for those with little or no prior experience of the Russian language. We have an excellent record in teaching Russian, with ex-beginners often gaining top marks in final-year language exams.

**Russian A (Advanced):** This advanced language course is suited to applicants who have an A-level in Russian or equivalent knowledge of the language.

# JOINT HONOURS

A joint honours degree allows you to study the same core topics as students on a single honours course, but you will take fewer optional and discovery modules so you can fit in both subjects. You will also undertake a major research project in either subject in your final year.

The intellectual range of such a degree, together with the organisational skill in combining two subject areas, makes you very attractive to employers. Our courses allow you to study your chosen subjects in depth, and graduate with an honours degree covering two disciplines. All joint honours degrees with Russian or Russian Civilisation are parented and administered by the School of Languages, Cultures and Societies. You will be allocated a personal tutor who will help guide your module choices and offer support, as well as act as a point of contact for references.

**Russian Civilisation** is only available as a joint honours course and is ideal for those who wish to study a non-language degree and learn more about Russian society, literature and culture in combination with another subject. These courses are open to Russian speakers of existing native/near-native language ability, as well as those with no previous knowledge of Russian.

## BA Liberal Arts

You can study Russian Civilisation as your major for this degree. Find out more at [www.leeds.ac.uk/liberal-arts](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/liberal-arts)

BA Arabic and Russian A	<b>RT76</b>	BA Italian A and Russian A	<b>RR37</b>
BA Arabic and Russian B	<b>RTR6</b>	BA Italian A and Russian B	<b>RRH7</b>
BA Asia Pacific Studies and Russian Civilisation	<b>RT73</b>	BA Italian A and Russian Civilisation	<b>RR73</b>
BA Chinese and Russian A	<b>RT71</b>	BA Italian B and Russian A	<b>RR3T</b>
BA Chinese and Russian B	<b>RTR1</b>	BA Italian B and Russian Civilisation	<b>RRR3</b>
BA Chinese and Russian Civilisation	<b>RTT1</b>	BA Japanese and Russian A	<b>RT72</b>
BA Classical Literature and Russian A	<b>QR87</b>	BA Japanese and Russian B	<b>RTR2</b>
BA Classical Literature and Russian B	<b>QRV7</b>	BA Japanese and Russian Civilisation	<b>RTT2</b>
BA Classical Literature and Russian Civilisation	<b>RQ78</b>	BA Linguistics and Russian A	<b>QR17</b>
BA Cultural Studies and Russian A	<b>VR97</b>	BA Linguistics and Russian B	<b>QRC7</b>
BA Cultural Studies and Russian B	<b>RV79</b>	BA Linguistics and Russian Civilisation	<b>RQ71</b>
BA Cultural Studies and Russian Civilisation	<b>VR9R</b>	BA Management and Russian A	<b>RN72</b>
BA Economics and Russian A	<b>RL71</b>	BA Management and Russian B	<b>RNR2</b>
BA Economics and Russian B	<b>RLR1</b>	BA Management and Russian Civilisation	<b>RNT2</b>
BA Economics and Russian Civilisation	<b>RLT1</b>	BA Philosophy and Russian A	<b>RVR5</b>
BA English and Russian A	<b>QR37</b>	BA Philosophy and Russian B	<b>RVT5</b>
BA English and Russian B	<b>QRH7</b>	BA Philosophy and Russian Civilisation	<b>RV7M</b>
BA English and Russian Civilisation	<b>RQ73</b>	BA Politics and Russian A	<b>RL72</b>
BA Film Studies and Russian A	<b>WR68</b>	BA Politics and Russian B	<b>LRF7</b>
BA Film Studies and Russian B	<b>WR67</b>	BA Politics and Russian Civilisation	<b>RLT2</b>
BA French and Russian A	<b>RR17</b>	BA Portuguese and Russian A	<b>RR57</b>
BA French and Russian B	<b>RRC7</b>	BA Portuguese and Russian B	<b>RR5R</b>
BA French and Russian Civilisation	<b>RR71</b>	BA Portuguese and Russian Civilisation	<b>RR75</b>
BA German and Russian A	<b>RR27</b>	BA Russian A and Sociology	<b>RL73</b>
BA German and Russian B	<b>RRF7</b>	BA Russian A and Spanish	<b>RR47</b>
BA German and Russian Civilisation	<b>RR72</b>	BA Russian A and Theatre and Performance	<b>R7W4</b>
BA History and Philosophy of Science and Russian Civilisation	<b>RV75</b>	BA Russian A and Theology and Religious Studies	<b>RV76</b>
BA History and Russian A	<b>RV71</b>	BA Russian B and Theatre and Performance	<b>RW74</b>
BA History and Russian B	<b>RVT1</b>	BA Russian B and Sociology	<b>RLR3</b>
BA History and Russian Civilisation	<b>RVR1</b>	BA Russian B and Spanish	<b>RRK7</b>
BA International Business and Russian A	<b>1P63</b>	BA Russian B and Theology and Religious Studies	<b>RVR6</b>
BA International Buiness and Russian B	<b>1B44</b>	BA Russian Civilisation and Sociology	<b>RLT3</b>
BA International Development and Russian A	<b>LR27</b>	BA Russian Civilisation and Spanish	<b>RR74</b>
BA International Development and Russian B	<b>LRFR</b>	BA Russian Civilisation and Thai Studies	<b>RT7J</b>
BA International Development and Russian Civilisation	<b>LRGR</b>	BA Russian Civilisation and Theology and Religious Studies	<b>RVT6</b>
BA International Relations and Russian A	<b>LRF8</b>		
BA International Relations and Russian B	<b>LRF6</b>		



# *Residence abroad*



## **Russian A/B**

If you study single honours Russian A/B, or a Russian A/B joint honours combination with a non-language subject, you will spend a year at the prestigious Moscow State University after completing your first year at Leeds – this is a distinctive feature of our Russian courses. The course consists of intensive language tuition with optional seminars in history, media, culture and literature.

If you study Russian A/B with another language as a joint honours course, you will spend two periods abroad. In most cases, you will spend your second year at Moscow State University, and the third term of your third year in a country where your other language is spoken. However, courses combining Russian with Arabic, Chinese, Italian B or Japanese are five-year degree courses requiring two years abroad.



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During your first year we will support and prepare you for relocating to Russia, and throughout your time abroad there will be constant liaison and regular reports on your wellbeing and academic progress. Accommodation is in university halls of residence, however, if you prefer you can move into private accommodation with a family.

You will develop your research and presentation skills through a free choice project based on contemporary Russia. Recent topics have included: 'Political parties of the Russian Federation', 'Vladimir Putin', 'Homeless children in Moscow', 'Moscow underground', 'Immigration in Russia'. In addition to university study, you will be encouraged to explore the city of Moscow during your year abroad.

*The teaching on my course is excellent but the best thing would have to be studying abroad for a year at the Moscow State University in Russia. It is an unrivalled experience that taught me a great deal.*

**Sam Platt**

BA French and Russian B

## **Russian Civilisation**

Studying Russian Civilisation combined with a language subject will include a compulsory residence abroad. When you do this and where will depend on the language you choose to study. If you study Russian Civilisation with a non-language subject, you can apply for a work placement year or a study abroad year at one of our 400 partnership universities worldwide.

For exact course details see [www.leeds.ac.uk/courses](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/courses)

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# ADMISSIONS AND CONTACTS



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## Entry requirements

For BA Russian A (R710) the standard entry requirement is ABB including B in Russian.

For BA Russian B (R705) the standard entry requirement is ABB.

Joint honours entry requirements vary by course, for more information see [www.leeds.ac.uk/courses](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/courses)

All applications must be made through UCAS by 15 January for admission the following September. [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

## Access to Leeds

Access to Leeds, the University's widening access scheme, guarantees special consideration if you have personal circumstances that have affected your ability to demonstrate your talent and potential through grades alone.



Applicants to the scheme who receive a standard offer will also receive an Access to Leeds offer of two A-level grades (or equivalent) below the standard offer. To find out more visit [www.leeds.ac.uk/accesstoleds](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/accesstoleds)



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