## **Studying Russian in Trinity College**



Russian is your passport to one sixth of the Earth's surface, from the Buddhist monasteries surrounding the world's

deepest lake in Siberia to the golden domes of Moscow's Kremlin, from the white expanse of the Arctic to Europe's highest peak in the Caucasus and the architectural splendour of Saint Petersburg.

Russian allows you to discover a culture long hidden behind 'the iron curtain' with a dramatic history and world famous literature, theatre, film and art. Russia is also a growing business partner of the European Union, and the language is a major asset to any CV.

#### Is it hard to learn?

Our courses are aimed at beginners; advanced learners can also be accommodated on full degrees.

Although the alphabet can look strange at first, it can be mastered in a few weeks. Russian is an Indo-European language, related to English, Irish and French, and at Trinity you will have small classes, personal attention and assistance from native speakers at every step of the learning process.



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"The Cyrillic alphabet and Slavic languages are not unfathomable mysteries."

"I found Russian a very satisfying and extremely enjoyable language to learn."

"Be different, and you won't regret it!"

#### Discover more:



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For ES, BSL and BESS, see also: http://www.tcd.ie/European\_Studies/ http://www.tcd.ie/business/undergraduate /programmes/ http://www.tcd.ie/bess/

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# **Russian in TCD**

### The Department of Russian and Slavonic Studies

Our department offers:

- the only degree-level courses of Russian in Ireland
- options to study Polish, Czech and Bulgarian
- dedicated and enthusiastic staff
- native-speaker language assistants
- small-group teaching
- a range of Russian-themed festivities
- conversational tea parties and pub nights
- your ticket to Russia, Central and Eastern Europe!



http://www.slavonical.blogspot.ie/

Languages, Literatures & Cultural Studies

You can study Russian with the following degrees:

#### JOINT HONOURS RUSSIAN

Take Russian with another subject of your choice: another language; literature, drama, history, mathematics, archaeology or classical studies or philosophy.

#### **ES - EUROPEAN STUDIES (TR024)**

Choose Russian as one of two languages and study it alongside history, political science and sociology.

**BSL - BUSINESS STUDIES AND A LANGUAGE** (TR087) Choose Russian as your language subject to complement business modules on economics, law, statistics and management.

# BESS – BUSINESS, ECONOMICS, POLITICAL SCIENCE, SOCIOLOGY (TR081)

Russian is available as a two-year option for BESS students (beginners only).

## Which course is right for me?

If you would like to learn about Russian literature and culture as well as history Joint Honours Russian is the degree for you.

If you are interested in Russian and European history, take Russian as part of European Studies (ES).

If your ambitions lie in the worlds of high finance and business, choose the Business Studies and a language (BSL) programme. And as a major bonus, with both ES and BSL, you'll spend a year studying in Russia!

"The trip to Russia is an amazing adventure."

### And after college ...



The list goes on ...

... you'll be ready to take on the world!

Our students have pursued careers in many different fields:

- ✓ journalist
- ✓ teacher
- ✓ librarian
- ✓ interpreter
- ✓ writer
- ✓ actor
- ✓ film-maker
- ✓ marketing manager
- ✓ education officer
- ✓ IT expert
- ✓ accountant
- ✓ entrepreneur
- ✓ lawyer
- ✓ diplomat
- √ human rights monitor
- ✓ civil servant in Department of Justice
- civil servant in Department of Foreign Affairs
- ✓ employee in the United Nations, European Commission, the OECD, Amnesty International, NGOs ...

# Here is what our current and former students say about their decision to study Russian:

"It's challenging, rewarding and fun."

"A second language is invaluable for many reasons, and Russian is such a rich and beautiful one. The country is vast and fascinating with so much to offer. The culture is the richest I have ever come across, and the people are unique and wonderful."

"Russian opens up doors, and never closes them."

"Studying Russian opened up my horizons intellectually and culturally. I got the opportunity to live in an incredible country and to study a beautiful language."

"Every bank I applied to gave me an interview, the main discussion point was my Russian degree and time in Russia."

The Department also runs **evening courses** for people who want to take up or stay in touch with a Slavic language.

- Russian (A1-C2; Beginners through Advanced +)
- Polish (A1-C1; Beginners through Advanced)
- Czech (A1-B1; Beginners and Intermediate)
- Bulgarian (A1-A2; Beginners)
- Croatian (A1-A2; Beginners)
- Culture courses taught in English

The Department, in partnership with Moscow State University, is a test centre for the administration of internationally recognised examinations in Russian as a Foreign Language (TPKN).