Middle Eastern and European Languages and Cultures – Russian and/or Polish at a glance

Programme: The degree in Middle Eastern and European Languages and Cultures gives students a unique opportunity to study the history, culture and one language of the Middle East (Arabic, Hebrew, Turkish) combined with a choice of a European language (French, Spanish, German, Italian, Russian, Polish) and its history and culture. In this course students explore diverse perspectives on Middle Eastern and European societies through a study of history, literature and identity politics.

Russian/Polish course content: In languages which may be taken from scratch the first two years focus mainly on developing language skills, introducing students to the main trends in the historical and cultural development of Russia/Poland and familiarising students with aspects of contemporary Russian/Polish society.

Residence in Russia/Poland: European Studies students spend their third year on an approved course in a university or institute in Europe or the Middle East. In the case of Poland, students spend a year at the Jagiellonian University in Cracow. Furthermore, all students of Polish are eligible to apply for scholarships to attend summer courses in Cracow. In the case of Russia, students spend a year in Moscow.

| Year 1 | Language 1: | Elementary to intermediate Russian (the written and spoken language) [RUF104]  
|        |           | Elementary to intermediate Polish (the written and spoken language) [PLF104]  
|        | OR        | Intermediate to advanced Russian [RUF202]  
|        | OR        | Russian for advanced learners 1 [RUF114]  
|        |           | Polish for advanced learners 1 [PLF114]  
|        | Area Studies 1: | Introduction to Central, East European and Russian Area Studies either: [MT-RUF608]  
|        |           | or: [HT-RUF609]  

| Year 2 | Language 2: | Intermediate to advanced Russian (the written and spoken language) [RUF207]  
|        |           | Intermediate to advanced Polish (the written and spoken language) [PLF207]  
|        | OR        | Receptive skills 1 [RUS102]  
|        |           | Productive skills 1 [RUS103]  
|        | OR        | Russian for advanced learners 2 [RUF214]  
|        |           | Polish for advanced learners 2 [PLF214]  
|        | Area Studies 2: | Russian Area Studies 2 (one semester only) [MT-RUF708 or HT-RUF709]  
|        |           | Polish Area Studies 2 (one semester only) [MT-PLF708 or HT-PLF709]  

| Year 3 | Year abroad |

| Year 4 | SS MLEEC students (major) | students select two of the following modules, one from each semester:  
|        | Language 4 | MT Receptive skills 2 [RUS105]  
|        |           | MT Russian essay writing and presentation [RUS110]  
|        |           | HT Productive skills 2 [RUS107]  
|        |           | HT Russian oral proficiency 4 [RUS112]  
|        | Area Studies 4 | Contemporary Russian society [RUS604]  
|        |           | Contemporary Polish society [PLS604]  