

TSM Russian

at a glance

Programme: The Two-Subject Moderatorship allows students to combine the study of Russian with another Arts subject.

Course content: The Russian programme in TSM is a multidisciplinary course. Apart from the core language programme, students take courses in literature, linguistics and cultural history. Students may also take up Bulgarian, Croatian or Polish in their senior years.

Residence in Russia: TSM students are only required to spend two months in Russia. Many students opt to spend a full year studying or working in Russia.

Year 1

Russian language: Elementary to intermediate Russian (the written and spoken language)
OR
Intermediate to advanced Russian
OR
Russian for academic purposes 1
Russian Area Studies 1: Introduction to Central, East European and Russian Area Studies
Russian Cultural Studies 1

Year 2

Russian language: Intermediate to advanced Russian (the written and spoken language)
OR
Advanced Russian (the written and spoken language)
OR
Russian for academic purposes 2
Russian Area Studies 2: Introduction to current political, economic and social issues in Russia.
Russian Cultural Studies 2: Overview of 19th-century Russian culture.

Year 3

Russian language: Advanced Russian (the written and spoken language)
Russian Cultural Studies 2: Russian 20th-century culture, history and literature.
Options: Another Slavonic language; history, literature, linguistics options

Year 4

Russian language: Advanced Russian (the written and spoken language).
Long essay in Russian and presentation.

Dissertation

Russian Cultural and Area Studies Options in Russian linguistics, literature and cultural studies.

What the students say

The advantage of TSM Russian is its diversity. It allows you to study Russian language and culture in depth. There is the opportunity to study Russian literature, history, linguistics, translation, art and Polish.

The TSM course is very flexible in terms of how you spend your time in Russia - anything from following an art course to working for a Russian television company.

Many other skills will be developed through this course, e.g. the ability to analyse and to do research. The most important aspect is the language which, though difficult, is also very rewarding.

Native Russian teachers will encourage you to speak the language, and the Department regularly holds "Russian tea parties", which give you a chance to meet students from other years and courses, and to speak Russian to them.