



Minor subjects in School of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies

RUSSIAN

1. Why study Russian as minor?

Russian is the first language of nearly 150 million people; it is spoken by more than 260 million people around the world and is one of Europe's most important languages. Russia is a significant force in present-day geopolitics and a major player in the global economy, with ties both to Europe and to Asia, and beyond. Russian writers, musicians and artists have made a considerable contribution to European culture; Russian history has helped shape Europe as we know it today: Exploring Russia's past and present helps understand the interaction between Europe's eastern and western traditions.

2. Entry requirements and available language levels

In order to be eligible to take up XX as a minor you will need to have achieved H4 or equivalent in Russian language for non-beginners' option. If you are interested in taking up Russian from beginners' level, you will need H4 or equivalent in a language other than English.

3. Minor in Russian – what you'll study

First Year / Senior Freshman [20 ECTS]

I) Russian Language 10 ECTS (according to your level)

BEGINNERS RUU1100Y RUSSIAN LANGUAGE 1

ADVANCED LEARNERS RUU1101Y RUSSIAN FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES 1

(those who already speak Russian at native or near-native level)

QUALIFIED ENTRANTS RUU1200Y RUSSIAN LANGUAGE 2

(those who have, e.g., an A Level in Russian)

II) Russian Cultural Studies I 10 ECTS

RUU11021 RUSSIAN CULTURAL STUDIES I MT 5 ECTS

RUU11022 RUSSIAN CULTURAL STUDIES I HT 5 ECTS

Second year / Junior Sophister [10-20 ECTS]

If you select Major with Minor exit pathway [20 ECTS]

I) Russian Language 10 ECTS (according to your level)

BEGINNERS RUU1200Y RUSSIAN LANGUAGE 2

ADVANCED LEARNERS RUU2201Y RUSSIAN FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES 2

QUALIFIED ENTRANTS RUU23001 RECEPTIVE SKILLS 1 5 ECTS

RUU23002 PRODUCTIVE SKILLS 1 5 ECTS

II) Russian Cultural Studies II 10 ECTS

RUU22021 RUSSIAN CULTURAL STUDIES 2 MT 5 ECTS

RUU22022 RUSSIAN CULTURAL STUDIES 2 HT 5 ECTS

If you select Single Honors exit pathway [10 ECTS]

Russian Language 10 ECTS (according to your level)

Third Year / Senior Sophister [20 ECTS]

Only if you select Major with Minor exit pathway:

I) Russian Language 10 ECTS (according to your level)

BEGINNERS RUU23001 RECEPTIVE SKILLS 1 5 ECTS

RUU23002 PRODUCTIVE SKILLS 1 5 ECTS

ADVANCED LEARNERS & QUALIFIED ENTRANTS

RUU34001 RECEPTIVE SKILLS 2 5 ECTS

RUU34002 PRODUCTIVE SKILLS 2 5 ECTS

II) Russian Cultural Studies 3 10 ECTS

RUU33011 RUSSIAN CULTURAL STUDIES 3 (MT) 5 ECTS

RUU33012 RUSSIAN CULTURAL STUDIES 3 (HT) 5 ECTS

4. Your Time Abroad

A semester studying abroad is a highlight of a student's Trinity experience. Immersing oneself in the language and culture is one of the most valuable ways of achieving fluency when you are studying a language. Minor subject students, who choose Major with Minors exit award pathway, will have an opportunity to spend a semester abroad in Hilary term of their Junior Sophister year.* At a minimum, you will be required to spend two months in a Russian - speaking country prior to taking your final exams. We currently have agreements with Moscow State University and the Gorky Institute, Moscow. Students of modern languages at Trinity are required to spend 'not less than two months in the country of each language' prior to taking their final exams (University Calendar, p. K3).

** Study abroad opportunities depend on availability of modules in your major and minor subjects at the host university and availability of places.*

5. Graduate skills

Career paths followed by recent graduates are often ones where Russian-language competence is directly relevant. These include arts and media; education; business, finance and marketing; civil and public service; international organisations (UN, EU, NGOs) and diplomacy; journalism and tourism. Alternatively, each year several graduates will opt to pursue further postgraduate study in Ireland or abroad.

Advanced knowledge of a less-studied language like Russian, as well as the transferable skills (analytical and critical thinking, written and oral presentation skills) you will acquire in the study of the history, culture and literature of Russia, is generally a very attractive combination for prospective employers, even for career paths where Russian may not be directly involved in your day-to-day work.

6. Student testimonials

What some of our graduates have to say...

- I loved my degree, I love the challenges I'm facing into now and I know, if I build on my degree, that Russian will be invaluable to me as a speciality in the future.
- As an arts subject I feel Russian is as useful and more interesting than most. If I could choose again I would choose exactly the same subjects.
- It led to all sorts of interesting things and opportunities in Russia for the 5 years after I graduated.
- Even though Russian ab initio sounds a pretty daunting prospect, I found it a very satisfying and extremely enjoyable language to learn. This, coupled with the welcoming approach of the Department, made the whole experience one I will treasure.
- 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. I have met wonderful people, both Russians and non-Russians in this process.
- Going to Russia is like heading to the edge of the unexpected.
- Russian not only opens up Russia for you, but also the whole of the CIS and Eastern Europe.
- I would encourage people to study what interests them, to have at least a few years of intellectual freedom.

- I think if I had known how hard I was going to find it, I would never have done it. But thankfully, no one told me.
- You actually come out able to speak Russian!

7. Get in touch

For further information, please get in touch with us at <https://www.tcd.ie/Russian/contact/>