

Russian Studies and History

University of Edinburgh

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Central Campus

Content

Studying Russian and History sheds light on the past to help us understand the contemporary world. Today, around 150 million people in the world speak Russian, and it is widely used in global cultural and political contexts.

Year 1:

If you have no previous knowledge of Russian you will take Russian Studies 1A, an intensive beginners language course. Through classes in grammar, speaking, listening, writing and reading, you will build the foundations of Russian language skills. If you have studied the language before, you will take Russian Studies 1B.

For History, you will take survey courses. These courses emphasise processes and patterns within broad chronological and geographical frameworks, and introduce you to fundamental historical skills.

Year 2:

You will continue to study Russian language, expanding your range of vocabulary and using increasingly complex grammar.

As in Year 1, History courses are broad surveys designed to prepare you for more specialised study in Years 3 and 4. You will choose one of several courses that cover various periods and themes in American, European, British, Scottish and global history, extending your range geographically and chronologically.

Year 3:

You will spend Year 3 in a country where Russian is spoken, improving your language and independent study skills, and engaging with Russophone, Eastern European or Central Asian cultures. Although students are not currently sent to Russia and Ukraine, the university are still able to fully support them to spend time studying abroad, for example, in Estonia or Armenia.

Year 4:

You will hone your honours-level language skills in Russian. You will also choose from a wide range of specialist, honours-level courses in both Russian Studies and History. You will also complete a dissertation in Russian.

Start Date

September

Qualification

Degree

Study Method

Full time

Award Title

MA Hons

UCAS Code

RV71

Course Length

4 years

Faculty

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Department

Literatures, Languages and Cultures

Entry Requirements

2026 entry requirements

Standard entry:

4 Highers at ABBB (first sitting) or 4 or 5 Highers at AAB/ABBB (two sittings) plus a language other than English at B and English at National 5.

Widening access entry:

4 Highers at ABBB (two sittings) plus a language other than English at B and English at National 5. Highers at BBB must be achieved in one sitting.

SCQF Level

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