

Russian Studies and Scandinavian Studies

University of Edinburgh

Venues

Central Campus

Content

This joint honours programme gives you the opportunity to study the languages and cultures of two neighbouring and influential parts of modern Europe.

As well as your language classes, you will explore aspects of Russian-speaking (Russophone), Scandinavian and Nordic culture. Courses cover literature, history, politics, and languages in themed and comparative 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.

You will take an intensive beginners' language course in either Danish, Norwegian or Swedish. You will develop your spoken and written language skills, and study aspects of literature and culture.

Year 2:

You will continue to study Russian language, expanding your range of vocabulary and using increasingly complex grammar. You will practice translation and writing in Russian using extracts from literary texts and other media.

You will continue with Danish Language 2, Norwegian Language 2 or Swedish Language 2, building on your linguistic knowledge from Year 1.

Year 3:

You will spend Year 3 abroad, dividing your time between two countries. This is when you will really deepen your knowledge of your languages by speaking them daily and immersing yourself in local 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.

For Scandinavian Studies, the University has exchange places in universities in Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

Year 4:

In your final year you will develop advanced language skills in Russian and in either Danish, Norwegian or Swedish. You will also complete a dissertation or long essay in either Russian or a Scandinavian language.

Start Date

September

Qualification

Degree

Study Method

Full time

Award Title

MA Hons

UCAS Code

RR76

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 AABBB/ABBBB (two sittings) including a language other than English plus English at National 5.

Widening access entry:

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

SCQF Level

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