

SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES



The UCL School of Slavonic and East European Studies is one of the leading specialists when it comes to Central, Eastern and South-East Europe and Russia. What I really like about the school is the way it creatively combines research in many fields such as the history, politics, sociology, anthropology and literature of the countries of the region.

Studying at UCL as an international student was a great experience that helped me to improve my English, strengthen my confidence when it comes to meeting new people and exploring new places, and deepen my knowledge and research. I would strongly recommend UCL to others. No matter what is your field of study, UCL will definitely provide you with new ideas that strengthen your research and widen your knowledge.



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SCHOOL OF SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES (SSEES)

SSEES is one of the world's leading institutions for the study of Central, Eastern and South-East Europe, and Russia. It has a strong international profile among its staff and students, and an unrivalled range of expertise across humanities, social sciences and languages.

Why Slavonic and East European Studies at UCL?

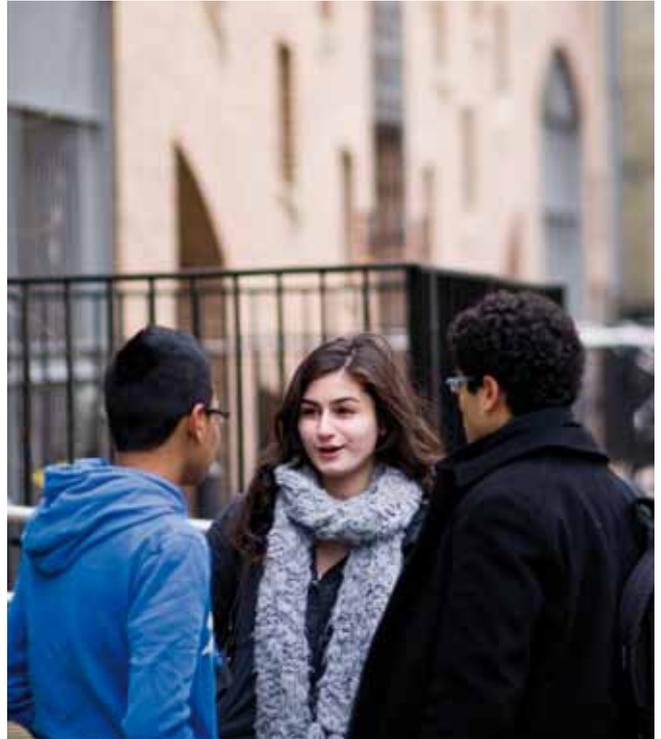
The SSEES Library holds a major international collection of over 400,000 books, journals and film resources. Study at SSEES is enriched by frequent visits and lectures by prominent political, artistic and academic figures. SSEES is located in the centre of multicultural London, near the British Museum and the British Library.

What you will gain from study at UCL

Studying at UCL will offer you the opportunity to draw on the unique multidisciplinary expertise of the school to develop your intellectual abilities and key skills, and enable you to acquire the independence of living abroad and the intercultural competence gained from study in an international environment.

Teaching and Assessment

You will attend weekly lectures, seminars, discussion groups and/or language classes. Assessment may be in the form of assessed coursework and essays, written and/or oral examinations.



East European Languages, Literature and Culture

Literature 1 and Literature 2 are normally available in: Bulgarian, Czech/Slovak Literature, Finnish Literature, Hungarian Literature, Polish Literature, Romanian Literature and Serbian/Croatian Literature. Students wishing to take courses at various levels must have an interview with a relevant tutor.

The language courses listed below are normally available in: Bulgarian, Czech, Finnish, Hungarian, Polish, Romanian, Slovak and Serbian/Croatian.

Level 1 Language

<i>Availability</i>	Year, Fall Term
<i>Credit Value</i>	4/8 (US) 7.5/15 (ECTS)

Level 1 courses aim to introduce students with no prior knowledge to the basic and most common structures of the language.

Level 2 Language

<i>Availability</i>	Year, Fall Term
<i>Credit Value</i>	4/8 (US) 7.5/15 (ECTS)

Level 2 courses work towards attaining the competence required for effective study in an English-speaking university environment.

Level 3 Language

<i>Availability</i>	Year, Fall Term
<i>Credit Value</i>	4/8 (US) 7.5/15 (ECTS)

Level 3 courses aim towards a competence which allows students to function effectively and with confidence in an extensive range of academic, professional and social situations.

Extended descriptions of the courses available can be found by visiting the web address at the top of this page

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Availability

Year
Fall Term
Spring Term

Tuition Fees

£14,000 (for full explanation of tuition fees please see page 165)

Related courses can be found in these departments:

- European Language, Culture and Society, page 35
- Economics, page 148
- History, page 154
- Political Science, page 163

SEEE1002**Introduction to East European Literature in Translation: From the National Revivals until the Present**

<i>Availability</i>	Year, Fall Term
<i>Credit Value</i>	4/8 (US) 7.5/15 (ECTS) (full year)

Close study of some 18 works from different East European cultures in English translation, placing them in the context of European literary history and literary theory.

SEEE1003**Introduction to East European Literature in Translation: From the National Revivals until the Second World War**

<i>Availability</i>	Spring Term
<i>Credit Value</i>	4 (US) 7.5 (ECTS)

Close study of some nine works from different East European cultures in English translation, placing them in the context of European literary history and literary theory.

SEEE1005**Culture in Eastern Europe: Anthropological Approaches**

<i>Availability</i>	Fall Term
<i>Credit Value</i>	4 (US) 7.5 (ECTS)

Introduction to culture in Eastern Europe, applying the wider 'culture' concept of anthropology, encompassing cultural norms and values, and patterns of human behaviour, thought and expression.

SEEE2005**Cinema in Eastern Europe**

<i>Availability</i>	Year, Fall Term, Spring Term
<i>Credit Value</i>	4/8 (US) 7.5/15 (ECTS)

The cinema of Eastern Europe from the 1960s to the present day, examining films from Czechoslovakia and its successor states, Hungary, Poland, Finland and the former Yugoslavia.

SEEE2008**Vampires, Society and Culture: Transylvania and Beyond**

<i>Availability</i>	Fall Term
<i>Credit Value</i>	4 (US) 7.5 (ECTS)

Provides the framework for understanding the significance of the vampire as a cultural icon in the context of East European and wider western culture.

History**SEHI2007****The Rise and Fall of Yugoslavia**

<i>Availability</i>	Year, Fall Term, Spring Term
<i>Credit Value</i>	4/8 (US) 7.5/15 (ECTS)

Surveys Yugoslavia's political history with consideration of economic, social and diplomatic issues, revealing why a workable consensus has proved so elusive.

SEHI2008**The Fall and Rise of the Polish Nation, 1648–1921**

<i>Availability</i>	Year, Fall Term, Spring Term
<i>Credit Value</i>	4/8 (US) 7.5/15 (ECTS)

Charts the changing meanings of 'Poland' and 'Polish' over an extended period, the decline and fall of one 'Polish' state and the struggle to resurrect another.

SEHI6007**Nations and Nationalism in South-Eastern Europe**

<i>Availability</i>	Year, Fall Term, Spring Term
<i>Credit Value</i>	4/8 (US) 7.5/15 (ECTS)

Provides an introduction to the history and culture of South-Eastern Europe focusing on the problems of regional diversity, nation – and state – formation, and nationalism.

SEHI6008**History of Russia to 1598**

<i>Availability</i>	Year, Fall Term
<i>Credit Value</i>	4 (US) 7.5 (ECTS)

Provides a broad survey of developments in political, social and cultural history from the 9th to the end of the 16th century, as well as introducing debates about Russia's origins which continue to the present day.

SEHI6010**History of the Russian Empire and the Soviet Union Since 1856**

<i>Availability</i>	Year, Fall Term
<i>Credit Value</i>	4/8 (US) 7.5/15 (ECTS)

A survey course covering all aspects of the history of Russia/the Soviet Union from the end of the Crimean War to the present day.

SEHI6011**History of Modern Germany, 1815–1990**

<i>Availability</i>	Year, Fall Term
<i>Credit Value</i>	4/8 (US) 7.5/15 (ECTS)

A survey of modern German History from 1815 to the unification of the two German states in 1990 through the political and social history of this period.

SEHI7004**Between Politics and Culture: German Ideas 1890–1970**

<i>Availability</i>	Spring Term
<i>Credit Value</i>	4 (US) 7.5 (ECTS)

Examines some of the major intellectual debates in Germany in the 20th century. Discusses important philosophers of the respective period and how they made sense of the society they lived in.

Russian**Language courses**

As with the school's other languages there are Russian language courses available at all levels. Those already studying Russian language should contact the Affiliate Tutor for further information but in any event will be tested on arrival to ensure allocation to an appropriate level. Non-language specialists may like to choose our foundation or intermediate level Russian courses aimed at students of the Social Sciences and History.

SERS1008**Foundation Russian**

<i>Availability</i>	Year, Fall Term
<i>Credit Value</i>	4/8 (US) 7.5/15 (ECTS)

Foundation-level courses are intended for students specialising in non-language based degrees such as History, Economics, Political Science, etc.

SERS2008**Intermediate Russian**

<i>Availability</i>	Year, Fall Term
<i>Credit Value</i>	4/8 (US) 7.5/15 (ECTS)

Intermediate level courses are intended for students specialising in non-language based degrees such as History, Economics, Political Science, etc.

Courses in Russian literature, culture, cinema, linguistics for which knowledge of Russian is NOT required:

SERS1010

Russian Short Prose

Availability	Year, Fall Term, Spring Term
Credit Value	2/4 (US) 3.75/7.5 (ECTS)

Introduces students to the study of literature via a close reading of stories by well-known Russian writers of the 19th and 20th centuries.

SERS1012

Representations of Russia

Availability	Year, Fall Term, Spring Term
Credit Value	2/4 (US) 3.75/7.5 (ECTS)

Introduction to key aspects of Russian society and culture through the study of how Russia is conceptualised and represented through intellectual history, literature, film, and theatre.

SERS1013

Russian Cinema: History, Politics, Society

Availability	Year, Fall Term, Spring Term
Credit Value	2/4 (US) 3.75/7.5 (ECTS)

Addresses a selection of films which illustrate the importance of cinema as an indicator of change, ranging chronologically from the pre-revolutionary period to the post-Soviet 1990's.

SERS1016

The Making of Modern Russian Culture

Availability	Year, Fall Term, Spring Term
Credit Value	2/4 (US) 3.75/7.5 (ECTS)

Provides an introduction to the development of Russian society and culture from the 1917 Revolution to the present day.

SERS2012

Russian Cinema: Men and Women

Availability	Year, Fall Term, Spring Term
Credit Value	2/4 (US) 3.75/7.5 (ECTS)

Russian and Soviet cinema has sought at all stages to reflect debates about the changing role of women and men in society, charting shifts in gender relationships.

SERS2020

The Person, Love and Utopia in Russian Thought

Availability	Year, Fall Term, Spring Term
Credit Value	2/4 (US) 3.75/7.5 (ECTS)

Examines the Russian tradition of thought from the Enlightenment to the early 20th century, discussing questions of human nature and experience.

SERS4016

Russian Cinema: Innovation and Experiment

Availability	Year, Fall Term, Spring Term
Credit Value	2/4 (US) 3.75/7.5 (ECTS)

The films covered in this course belong to the experimental tradition in 20th-century Russian and Soviet cinema, rejecting the cinematic conventions of the day.

SERS4027

Russian Literature from the Death of Stalin to the Present: Experiment and Emigration

Availability	Year, Fall Term, Spring Term
Credit Value	4 (US) 7.5 (ECTS)

This course analyses developments in Russian literature after Stalinism, covering major literary texts and events in Russian cultural history from 1953 to the present.

STUDENT VIEW

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I wanted to spend one term at UCL, because it is a true academic powerhouse, consistently ranked amongst the world's finest universities. I found also community life at UCL very attractive – the UCL Union supports a large number of societies and clubs and provides opportunities to pursue interests beyond academic study. The location in the heart of London is a great advantage – close to museums and collections of works of international importance.



Courses in Russian literature, culture and cinema for which some knowledge of Russian (at least one year) is required:

SERS2010

Russian Literature in the 19th Century

Availability	Year, Fall Term, Spring Term
Credit Value	2/4 (US) 3.75/7.5 (ECTS)

This course provides a survey of 19th-century Russian literature, including major classic works of prose, poetry and drama.

SERS2011

Russian Poetry

Availability	Year, Fall Term, Spring Term
Credit Value	2/4 (US) 3.75/7.5 (ECTS)

Introduces students to Russian poetry via close readings of selected poems by major poets on recurrent themes of love, art, nature/the city and Russia.

SERS2013

Bulgakov

Availability	Spring Term
Credit Value	4 (US) 7.5 (ECTS)

A survey of the prose and drama of Mikhail Bulgakov (1891–1940), examining major writings from all periods of his career. It starts with his last and best known work, the novel *Master i Margarita*.

SERS2014

Chekhov

Availability	Fall Term
Credit Value	4 (US) 7.5 (ECTS)

Offers an introduction to the broad spectrum of Chekhov's evolution as a writer of short stories and plays through the study of a representative selection of some of his principal works. The texts will be read in Russian and/or English translation.

SERS4010

Modern Russian Prose Fiction: 1917-41*Availability* Year, Fall Term,
Spring Term*Credit Value* 4 (US)
7.5 (ECTS)

A survey of the main developments in Soviet literary history between the October Revolution of 1917 and the Second World War.

SERS4014

Pushkin*Availability* Spring Term*Credit Value* 4 (US)
7.5 (ECTS)

Aleksandr Sergeevich Pushkin is generally acclaimed as Russia's greatest poet, and this is an extensive introduction to his work, covering some 20-30 lyric poems, one longer narrative poem, and other important texts.

SERS4017

Contemporary Russian Cinema*Availability* Year, Fall Term,
Spring Term*Credit Value* 4 (US)
7.5 (ECTS)

This course looks at the history of Russian filmmaking since 1991. Topics include recent Soviet authorial cinema, the emergence of new stars and attempts to create a successful popular cinema.

Social Sciences: Economics, Politics and Sociology

SEEF2003

Finland: Environment, Society and Culture*Availability* Year, Fall Term,
Spring Term*Credit Value* 4/8 (US)
7.5/15 (ECTS)

Seeks to provide a broad introduction to this small nation-state. Topics will include history and politics, state and society, language, folk culture, literature and the arts. No prior knowledge of Finnish language is required.

SEEU1002

Ukrainian Culture and Text A*Availability* Year, Fall Term,
Spring Term*Credit Value* 4/8 (US)
7.5/15 (ECTS)

Provides an introduction to Ukrainian culture through the study of a variety of texts, literature extracts, newspaper pieces, websites, visual material and film.

SESS1102

Introduction to International Relations*Availability* Year*Credit Value* 8 (US)
15 (ECTS)

Introduction to international politics in the context of the end of the Cold War and the intensification of economic, social and politics on a global scale.



SESS2001

The Emerging Market Economies of Eastern Europe and Russia*Availability* Year, Fall Term*Credit Value* 4/8 (US)
7.5/15 (ECTS)

Provides an overview of the key issues relating to transition from central planning to a market economy in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

SESS2005

Topics in Microeconomics*Availability* Spring Term*Credit Value* 4 (US)
7.5 (ECTS)

Aims to develop the student's ability to use fundamental tools of microeconomic analysis and apply them to a wide range of economic problems.

SESS2006

European Macroeconomics*Availability* Fall Term*Credit Value* 4 (US)
7.5 (ECTS)

This course in intermediate macroeconomic theory provides a clear and coherent account of contemporary macroeconomics as applied in the 'small open economy' European setting.

SESS2009

Entrepreneurship and Small Business*Availability* Fall Term*Credit Value* 4 (US)
7.5 (ECTS)

The course provides an overview of the key issues related to entrepreneurship and small business and links these issues to Central and East European countries.

SESS2101

History of European Political Ideas*Availability* Year, Fall Term,
Spring Term*Credit Value* 4/8 (US)
7.5/15 (ECTS)

Introduces major works of modern European political thought, starting with Machiavelli and ending with Arendt, through close reading and the interplay of texts across time.

**SESS2102****Politics and Society in Central and Eastern Europe**

<i>Availability</i>	Year, Fall Term, Spring Term
<i>Credit Value</i>	4/8 (US) 7.5/15 (ECTS)

Examines the establishment of the communist system in Eastern Europe, its evolution, decay and collapse, the main political, economic and ethnic aspects of post-communist transition.

SESS2103**Russian Politics and Society**

<i>Availability</i>	Year, Fall Term, Spring Term
<i>Credit Value</i>	4/8 (US) 7.5/15 (ECTS)

Addresses the workings of the Russian political system; the forces which shaped it historically, the operations of its main institutions, and the changes now underway.

SESS2104**The Making of Modern Ukraine**

<i>Availability</i>	Year, Fall Term, Spring Term
<i>Credit Value</i>	4/8 (US) 7.5/15 (ECTS)

A synthetic study of the history, politics and political economy of modern Ukraine. Particular attention will be paid to themes of national identity, nationalism, ethnicity and language in Ukraine, as well as to the complex relationship with Russia.

SESS2105**Democracy and Democratisation**

<i>Availability</i>	Spring Term
<i>Credit Value</i>	4 (US) 7.5 (ECTS)

This course examines issues relating to democracy and democratisation in a variety of historical and contemporary settings in the context of political theories.

SESS3001**Growth and Convergence**

<i>Availability</i>	Spring Term
<i>Credit Value</i>	4 (US) 7.5 (ECTS)

Provides an insight into the empirical analysis of growth models and an understanding of the empirical approach to the growth models in the East European, Russia and Asian economies.

SESS3002**International Trade and Finance in Russia and Eastern Europe**

<i>Availability</i>	Fall Term
<i>Credit Value</i>	4 (US) 7.5 (ECTS)

An advanced treatment of the role of foreign trade and international finance in the transition to a market economy.

SESS3005**Topics in Financial Management**

<i>Availability</i>	Spring Term
<i>Credit Value</i>	4 (US) 7.5 (ECTS)

Describes the theory and practice of corporate finance addressing a selection of corporate finance issues, including cost of capital, value of the firm and derivative securities.

SESS3101**Comparative Politics**

<i>Availability</i>	Year, Fall Term
<i>Credit Value</i>	4/8 (US) 7.5/15 (ECTS)

This advanced course combines discussion of major political concepts with comparison of political behaviour and institutions in Western and Eastern Europe.

SESS3102**Soviet and Russian Foreign Policy**

<i>Availability</i>	Year, Fall Term, Spring Term
<i>Credit Value</i>	4/8 (US) 7.5/15 (ECTS)

Deals with Russian foreign policy from 1917 to the present day offering a basic grounding in the aims and results of Russian foreign policy.

SESS3103**European Security**

<i>Availability</i>	Year, Fall Term
<i>Credit Value</i>	4/8 (US) 7.5/15 (ECTS)

An advanced introduction to European security and the complex process of institutionalisation that characterises it. The central theme of the course is the relationship between the formulation of national security, national policies and European institutional dynamics.