The UCL School of Slavonic & East European Studies (SSEES) library is housed in the SSEES building on Taviton Street, and provides a huge range of resources to support the study of the whole of central and eastern Europe and Russia.
The growth in political and economic influence of central and Eastern Europe and Russia is impacting the global economy at a time of great uncertainty. Our degrees provide you with the opportunity to fully understand business and economics within the political, social and cultural contexts of the region and its history.

Economics and Business with East European Studies BA
UCAS: L1R7 • 3 years
A levels: AAA. Mathematics required. Standard GCSE offer (see page 31), except English Language at grade B.
IB Diploma: 38 points. A total of 18 points in three higher level subjects including grade 6 in Mathematics, with no score below 5.
Other qualifications: see www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals

This programme will equip you with transferable knowledge and skills in economics and business studies combined with an application of these disciplines to the east European region. You will gain an enhanced understanding of the complexities of the region and have the opportunity to become proficient in an east European language.

You will take compulsory modules in economics and business in years one and two, with a compulsory dissertation in your final year. In each year you will choose the remainder of your modules from options in economics, international relations, language, mathematical and statistical methodology, politics, and sociology. You will also have the option to learn a language of the region as part of your degree.

Economics and Business with East European Studies with a Year Abroad BA
UCAS: L1RR • 4 years
A levels: AAA. Mathematics required. Standard GCSE offer (see page 31), except English Language at grade B.
IB Diploma: 38 points. A total of 18 points in three higher level subjects including grade 6 in Mathematics, with no score below 5.
Other qualifications: see www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals

This programme will equip you with transferable knowledge and skills in economics and business studies combined with an application of these disciplines to the east European region. You will have the opportunity to learn an east European language and to spend a year studying at a university in the region.

You will take compulsory modules in economics and business in years one and two, with a compulsory dissertation in your final year. In each year you will choose optional modules from a range available in economics, international relations, language, mathematical and statistical methodology, politics, and sociology. Your third year is spent abroad studying at a university in the region. There, you will take modules (in English) related to your degree, enabling you to develop an enhanced understanding of country-level issues.
History, Politics and Economics BA

UCAS: 4P47 • 3 years

A levels: AAA. Mathematics preferred. Standard GCSE offer (see page 31), except English Language and History at grade B.

IB Diploma: 38 points. A total of 18 points in three higher level subjects, preferably including Mathematics, with no score below 5.

Other qualifications: see www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals

History, politics and economics are brought to life in the exciting context of Russia and Eastern Europe, and combines some of the most important approaches for understanding the social, cultural, economic and political world around us. Students on this programme will develop skills essential for a wide range of future careers and activities.

The degree is structured to give you a solid foundation in each of the three subjects. Further, it allows you to tailor your studies to your own evolving interests while exploring the interface between them. Year one provides an introduction to all three disciplines, with compulsory modules in economics, history and politics. In year two you will choose to specialise in two of these subjects, and in year three you will focus on one subject and undertake a research dissertation.

Russia and Eastern Europe together make up a complex region whose influence on the world stage is becoming increasingly significant. A cross-disciplinary approach, taking in historical, economic and political perspectives, gives you a comprehensive overview of the region that will be valuable for many careers.

Subject overview

Total intake 70
(2017 entry)

Applications per place 6
(2016 entry)

Research Excellence Framework (REF)
64% rated 4* (“world-leading”) or 3* (“internationally excellent”)

First career destinations (2013–2015)
• The first cohort of students on the History, Politics and Economics BA will not graduate until 2018. Therefore career destination information is not yet available.

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www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus/hpe
Politics

www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus/ssees-politics

Politics, Sociology and East European Studies BA
UCAS: LR27 • 3 years

A levels: AAA-AAB. No specific subjects. Standard GCSE offer (see page 31), except English Language at grade B.
IB Diploma: 36-38 points. A total of 17-18 points in three higher level subjects, with no score below 5.
Other qualifications: see www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals

This degree programme combines training in politics, international relations and security issues with specialist modules studying Russia and Eastern Europe. These are of contemporary relevance in the context of an enlarged EU and the changing international situation.

In the first two years you will take compulsory modules in political and social theory, comparative analysis and the politics of Russia, the former Soviet Union, and Eastern Europe. You will complete a dissertation in your final year. In addition, you can choose elective modules in economics, history, international relations, politics or sociology to match your interests. You can also study Russian or another east European language as part of your degree.

Politics, Sociology and East European Studies with a Year Abroad BA
UCAS: LRF7 • 4 years

A levels: AAA-AAB. No specific subjects. Standard GCSE offer (see page 31), except English Language at grade B.
IB Diploma: 36-38 points. A total of 17-18 points in three higher level subjects, with no score below 5.
Other qualifications: see www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals

This degree programme combines training in politics, international relations and security issues with specialist modules studying Russia and Eastern Europe. These are of contemporary relevance in the context of an enlarged EU and the changing international situation. You will spend the third year abroad at a university in the region.

In the first two years, you will take compulsory modules in political and social theory, comparative analysis and the politics of Russia, the former Soviet Union, and Eastern Europe. You will write a dissertation in your final year. You can choose elective modules in economics, history, international relations, politics or sociology to match your interests. You can also study Russian or another east European language as part of your degree. Year three is spent abroad, where you will take modules (in English) related to your programme and develop a first-hand understanding of the politics and society of the country where you are based.

Subject overview
Total intake 50
(2017 entry)
Applications per place 6
(2016 entry)
Research Excellence Framework (REF)
64% rated 4* (‘world-leading’) or 3* (‘internationally excellent’)
First career destinations (2013–2015)
• Political Campaign Consultant, CT Group
• Corporate Finance Trader, Transglobal
• Multidisciplinary Co-ordinator, NHS
• Full-time student, MPhil in Russian and East European Studies at the University of Oxford
• Royal Marine Officer, Royal Navy

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Change in Eastern Europe is simultaneously opening up new opportunities and creating new challenges. Our programmes are highly relevant in view of the challenges facing the EU, the new global economic order and the resurgence of Russia, and offer a fresh perspective on international and European politics.
With Russian being one of the most important languages in the world and Eastern Europe undergoing progressive change, this is an exciting time to study the region. A knowledge of the languages, literatures and cultural histories of central and Eastern Europe has more to offer than ever before.

### Russian Studies BA

**UCAS:** R700 • 4 years

**A levels:** AAB-ABB. No specific subjects. Standard GCSE offer (see page 31), except English Language and a foreign language at grade B.

**IB Diploma:** 34-36 points. A score of 16-17 points in three higher level subjects, with no score lower than 5.

**Other qualifications:**
- Knowledge of Russian gives you direct access to a fascinating cultural and historical tradition and brings you closer to one of the world’s most dynamic geopolitical regions. This degree cultivates a high proficiency in Russian language and develops your skills in analysis, presentation, problem-solving and intercultural understanding.

This four-year programme is designed for both students with no previous knowledge of Russian and those who have taken A level or equivalent. Compulsory language modules form part of years one, two and four for all students. The programme features three tracks which allow for specialisation depending on your interests: History and Culture, Literature and Culture, or Politics and Culture. Year three is spent in Russia, which will significantly improve your language fluency and the depth of your understanding.

### Russian with an East European Language BA

**UCAS:** R715 • 4 years

**A levels:** AAB-ABB. Russian or an Eastern European Language required. Standard GCSE offer (see page 31), except English Language and a foreign language at grade B.

**IB Diploma:** 34-36 points. A score of 16-17 points in three higher level subjects including Russian or an Eastern European Language, with no score lower than 5.

**Other qualifications:**
- Knowledge of Russian gives you direct access to a fascinating cultural and historical tradition and brings you closer to one of the world’s most dynamic geopolitical regions. This degree cultivates a high proficiency in Russian language and develops your skills in analysis, presentation, problem-solving and intercultural understanding.

This four-year programme is designed for both students with no previous knowledge of Russian and those who have taken A level or equivalent. Compulsory language modules form part of years one, two and four for all students. Your minor language will account for 25% of your study time. Your third year is spent in Russia. The department can offer a choice of placements in Russia – not only in Moscow and St Petersburg – but also in other cities. Immersing yourself in the language and culture of Russia will significantly improve your depth of understanding and fluency.
I am currently in my third year at UCL and have recently returned from four months living and studying in St. Petersburg, Russia. There is no better way to learn a language than by fully immersing yourself in the culture of a country – living in St. Petersburg allowed me to contextualise my cultural studies and put my language skills into practice in day-to-day life.

After two years of language study at UCL in London, I left for my year abroad with a good foundation of knowledge. I will be returning to Russia for my second semester, but this time to a city in Siberia where I will experience a totally different part of the country.

Lisa Atfield
Russian and History BA
Third Year

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We run a busy programme of talks and seminars, with visiting experts and politicians from all over the UK and further afield to debate current issues and topics.

**Russian and East European Languages and Culture**

Czech (with Slovak) and East European Studies BA

UCAS: R782 • 4 years

A levels: AAB-ABB. No specific subjects. Standard GCSE offer (see page 31), except English Language and a foreign language at grade B.

IB Diploma: 34-36 points. A score of 16-17 points in three higher level subjects, with no score lower than 5.

Other qualifications: see www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals

Czech is a Slavonic language, largely mutually comprehensible with Slovak and spoken by approximately 11 million native speakers. This programme offers the opportunity to gain excellent language skills and a profound knowledge of Czech literature, history and culture that will prepare you for a wide variety of careers in Europe.

Compulsory language modules in years one, two and four are tailored to your existing knowledge (whether you are starting from scratch or already have a good command of the language). In addition to this in each year you will take a compulsory literature module and optional modules from a wide range. Your third year is spent abroad. Normally you spend this studying at a university in your chosen country, but alternatives, such as work placements, may be possible.

Finnish and East European Studies BA

UCAS: RR67 • 4 years

A levels: AAB-ABB. No specific subjects. Standard GCSE offer (see page 31), except English Language and a foreign language at grade B.

IB Diploma: 34-36 points. A score of 16-17 points in three higher level subjects, with no score lower than 5.

Other qualifications: see www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals

The Finnish language is a member of the Uralic language family, which also includes Estonian and Hungarian. This programme offers the opportunity to gain excellent language skills and a profound knowledge of Finnish culture, history, society and literature that will prepare you for a wide variety of careers in Europe.

Compulsory language modules in years one, two and four are tailored to your existing knowledge (whether you are starting from scratch or already have a good command of the language). You will take a compulsory culture module, and optional modules from a wide range, in each of these years. Your third year is spent abroad. Normally you spend this year studying at a university in your chosen country, but alternatives, such as work placements, may be possible.

Hungarian and East European Studies BA

UCAS: R783 • 4 years

A levels: AAB-ABB. No specific subjects. Standard GCSE offer (see page 31), except English Language and a foreign language at grade B.

IB Diploma: 34-36 points. A score of 16-17 points in three higher level subjects, with no score lower than 5.

Other qualifications: see www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals

Hungarian, spoken by approximately 13 million native speakers worldwide, is a member of the Uralic language family. This programme offers the opportunity to gain excellent language skills and a profound knowledge of Hungarian literature, history and culture that will prepare you for a wide variety of careers in Europe.

Compulsory language modules in years one, two and four are tailored to your existing knowledge (whether you are starting from scratch or already have a good command of the language). You will take a compulsory culture module, and optional modules from a wide range, in each of these years. Your third year is spent abroad. Normally you spend this year studying at a university in your chosen country, but alternatives, such as work placements, may be possible.
Polish and East European Studies BA

UCAS: R784 • 4 years

A levels: AAB-ABB. No specific subjects. Standard GCSE offer (see page 31), except English Language and a foreign language at grade B.

IB Diploma: 34-36 points. A score of 16-17 points in three higher level subjects, with no score lower than 5.

Other qualifications: see www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals

Poland, with nearly 39 million citizens, is an increasingly important actor on the world economic and political stage. This programme offers the opportunity to gain excellent language skills and a profound knowledge of Polish literature, history and culture that will prepare you for a wide variety of careers in Europe.

Compulsory language modules in years one, two and four are tailored to your existing knowledge (whether you are starting from scratch or already have a good command of the language). You will take a compulsory literature module, and optional modules from a wide range, in each of these years. Your third year is spent abroad. Normally you spend this year studying at a university in your chosen country, but alternatives, such as work placements, may be possible.

Romanian and East European Studies BA

UCAS: R785 • 4 years

A levels: AAB-ABB. No specific subjects. Standard GCSE offer (see page 31), except English Language and a foreign language at grade B.

IB Diploma: 34-36 points. A score of 16-17 points in three higher level subjects, with no score lower than 5.

Other qualifications: see www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals

Romanian is a Romance language spoken not only in Romania, but also in Hungary, the Republic of Moldova and parts of the former Yugoslavia. This programme offers the opportunity to gain excellent language skills and knowledge of Romanian literature, history and culture, preparing you for a wide variety of careers.

Compulsory language modules in years one, two and four are tailored to your existing knowledge (whether you are starting from scratch or already have a good command of the language). You will take a compulsory literature module and optional modules from a wide range in each of these years. Your third year is spent abroad. Normally you spend this year studying at a university in your chosen country, but alternatives, such as work placements, may be possible.

Serbian/Croatian and East European Studies BA

UCAS: R786 • 4 years

A levels: AAB-ABB. No specific subjects. Standard GCSE offer (see page 31), except English Language and a foreign language at grade B.

IB Diploma: 34-36 points. A score of 16-17 points in three higher level subjects, with no score lower than 5.

Other qualifications: see www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals

Serbian/Croatian is a Slavonic language spoken by some 20 million native speakers. This programme offers the opportunity to gain excellent language skills and a profound knowledge of Serbian/ Croatian literature, history and culture that will prepare you for a wide variety of careers in Europe.

Compulsory language modules in years one, two and four are tailored to your existing knowledge (whether you are starting from scratch or already have a good command of the language). You will take a compulsory literature module and optional modules from a wide range in each of these years. Your third year is spent abroad. Normally you spend this year studying at a university in your chosen country, but alternatives, such as work placements, may be possible.
Ukrainian and East European Studies BA  
UCAS: R788 • 4 years

A levels: AAB-ABB. No specific subjects. Standard GCSE offer (see page 31), except English Language and a foreign language at grade B.

IB Diploma: 34-36 points. A score of 16-17 points in three higher level subjects, with no score lower than 5.

Other qualifications: see www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals

Ukraine is one of Europe’s oldest and most complex countries. Its territory and history have constantly been occupied and rewritten. This programme offers the opportunity to gain excellent language skills and a profound knowledge of Ukrainian literature, history and culture that will prepare you for a wide variety of careers.

Compulsory language modules in years one, two and four are tailored to your existing knowledge (whether you are starting from scratch or already have a good command of the language). You will take compulsory literature modules and optional modules from a wide range in each of these years. Your third year is spent abroad. Normally you spend this year studying at a university in your chosen country, but alternatives, such as work placements, may be possible.