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Opened in 2005, the SSEES building on Taviton Street is probably the most striking statement of the importance of the study of the region in any university in the world.
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.
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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
(2015 entry)

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

First career destinations (2012–2014)
- 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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For more information, including programme structure visit:
www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus/hpe

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. This innovative degree brings together some of the most important approaches for understanding the social, cultural, economic and political world around us, developing 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, and 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. In year three you will focus on one subject, and undertake a research dissertation.
Politics 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 which are of contemporary relevance in the context of an enlarged EU and the changing international situation.

You will take compulsory modules in political and social theory, comparative analysis and the politics of Russia, the former Soviet Union, and Eastern Europe in years one and two, with a dissertation in your final year. Beyond this you can choose additional modules in economics, history, international relations, politics or sociology, to match your interests. You will also have the option to study Russian or another east European language (or French or German) as part of your degree.

Politics 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

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You will spend the third year abroad at a university in the region.

You will take compulsory modules in political and social theory, comparative analysis and the politics of Russia and Eastern Europe in years one and two, with a dissertation in your final year. You will choose additional modules in economics, history, language, politics, international relations and sociology, to match your interests. Year three is spent abroad, where you will take modules (in English) relating to your degree and develop a first-hand understanding of the politics and society of the country you are based in.
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 and East European Languages and Culture /
www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus/ssees-lang

Subject overview

Total intake 56
(2017 entry)

Applications per place 3
(2015 entry)

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

First career destinations (2012–2014)
• Full-time student, PG Cert in Education at the University of Cambridge
• Full-time student, MSc in Comparative Politics at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
• Financial Analyst, Morgan Stanley
• Accountant, Takeda SCE, Poland
• Librarian, British Library

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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: see www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals

The Russian Studies BA at UCL SSEES is the most comprehensive single-subject Russian degree programme in the country. The programme cultivates a high proficiency in the Russian language and develops your skills in analysis, presentation, problem-solving and intercultural understanding.

This four-year programme is designed both for 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. Three tracks allow for specialisation depending on your own interests: History and Culture, Literature and Culture, or Politics and Culture. Year three is spent studying in Russia, which will significantly improve your depth of understanding and fluency.

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: see www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals

If you are inspired by language learning, and enjoy exploring the similarities and differences between languages, this degree programme offers you the opportunity to study Russian and an east European language in a major/minor combination. Choose from Bulgarian, Czech/Slovak, Finnish, Hungarian, Polish, Romanian, Serbian/Croatian or Ukrainian.

Compulsory Russian 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.
Lisa Atfield
Russian and History BA
Second Year

“I always knew I wanted to study history, but I wanted to challenge myself and add something that would make me stand out. That’s why I chose to study the Russian language as part of my degree. I strongly believe that a global perspective on things is so important and that’s something that UCL actively encourages.

I’m really impressed by the SSEES library – it is the UK’s largest open access collection on Russia and central, Eastern and south-eastern Europe. There is such a wide range of sources available to help me with my studies and research. I study a module on Russian cinema and therefore often make use of SSEES’s viewing room and vast film collection.

I love studying in London. I couldn’t imagine myself being anywhere else. I often attend exhibitions that are relevant to my programme as this helps me to contextualise and enhance my understanding of a particular topic.”

Russian and History BA
UCAS: RV71 • 4 years

A levels: AAB-ABB. History 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 History, with no score lower than 5.

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

If your interests lean strongly towards history and you have A level History (or equivalent), our Russian and History BA provides a coherent combination of modules drawing on the abundance of expertise and material we offer in these fields. Russian can be started from scratch.

Year one comprises compulsory modules in Russian language and culture, and Eastern European history, and a choice of options from the wealth of history modules taught in UCL SSEES, elsewhere at UCL and throughout the University of London, and from the full range of Russian literature and culture modules. In years two and four, you will take compulsory language modules plus further optional modules. Year three is spent studying in Russia, which will significantly improve your depth of understanding and fluency.

Bulgarian and East European Studies BA
UCAS: R781 • 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

Bulgaria has a rich cultural heritage and a strongly developing economy where specialists in Bulgarian are needed. This programme provides the opportunity to gain excellent language skills and a profound knowledge of Bulgaria’s literature, history and culture, combined with an in-depth understanding of the region of central and Eastern 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 you will take compulsory modules in literature and culture, and optional modules from a wide range. 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.
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 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.

Finnish and East European Studies BA

UCAS: R967 • 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). In addition to this 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). In addition to this 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.
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.

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). In addition to this 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). In addition to this 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). In addition to this 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.
Slovak (with Czech) and East European Studies BA

UCAS: R787 • 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

Slovak is a Western Slavonic language, largely mutually comprehensible with Czech, spoken by approximately five million people. This programme offers the opportunity to gain excellent language skills and a profound knowledge of Slovak 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 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). In addition to this you will take compulsory modules on literature and culture, and optional modules from a wide range. 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.