

QR72 Russian and Comparative Literature

Programme structure(s) and requirements, levels and modules

Overall requirements

You must take 120 credits in each year of study, meeting all programme and pathway requirements, and will only be able to progress to the next developmental year if you have met the progression requirements. To be eligible for the award of your degree you must have passed a minimum of 315 credits, including 90 credits at level 6, but not including credits taken as part of the Preliminary Year and/or Year Abroad (as applicable).

You must take a minimum of 135 credits in Russian modules and a minimum of 135 credits in Comparative Literature modules, in addition to the Year Abroad module(s) over the period of your studies.

Some of these credits will be from core or compulsory modules. You must pass core modules to progress to the next year of study. You must take compulsory modules, but may be able to progress with a fail mark.

Some of your credits will be from optional modules within your subject area which you can choose each year. You may also take up to 90 credits outside your subject areas in the course of your degree.

Students entering Year 1 in 2017-18 will be required to study at least one QMUL Model module in each year of study. In Year 1, the QMUL Model module(s) will be one or more of the core or compulsory modules associated with your degree. In subsequent years, you will be able to choose from a range of options.

The Year Abroad is a compulsory and integral part of the degree programme. Exceptionally the School can exempt students from the Year Abroad with the agreement of the Year Abroad Committee. If exempted, you will submit a change of programme form to change your degree to a 3-year degree. The programme requirements for the 3-year variant are exactly the same as for the 4-year programme but without the Year Abroad requirements.

You will be assigned to one of four pathways according to your knowledge of the Russian language. This pathway will be confirmed during Welcome Week when you first enrol at Queen Mary, taking your entry qualifications and, in some cases your performance in a language test, into account.

Please select your pathway from the list below and go to the relevant page. The regulations in each section outline the requirements for which modules you will take in each year of study, and what you have to achieve to progress to the next year.

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Russian (ab initio) and Comparative Literature

This pathway is for students who enter with little or no knowledge of Russian language.

Year 1 – Level 4

You must take the following **120 credits**:

- 30 credits Introductory Russian (**core** module and QMUL Model module)
- 15 credits Russian Culture and Society (compulsory module)
- 15 credits Reading Contemporary Russia (compulsory module)
- 0 credits Critical Thinking and Writing for Modern Foreign Languages (compulsory non-credit bearing module)
- 15 credits Introduction to Literature: Texts and Contexts (compulsory module)
- 15 credits Introduction to Comparison (compulsory module and QMUL Model module)
- 15 credits The Scene of Learning (compulsory module)
- 15 credits Understanding Culture: An Introduction to Cultural Theory (compulsory module)
- 0 credits Critical Thinking and Writing for Comparative Literature (compulsory non-credit bearing module)

Progression Requirements to Year 2

To successfully progress from Year 1 to Year 2 you must pass a minimum of 90 credits, including any core modules, and achieve an average mark of 40.0 or higher across all the credits you have taken.

Year 2 – Level 5

You must take the following **90 credits**:

- 30 credits Russian II Intensive (**core** module)
- 30 credits Foundations of Russian Studies (compulsory module)
- 15 credits The Scene of Reading (compulsory module)
- 15 credits optional modules to be chosen from COM- / SML-coded modules at level 5

You will choose the remaining **30 credits** from:

- optional modules offered in Russian
- optional modules offered in Comparative Literature
- all modules offered in the School of Languages, Linguistics and Film
- all modules offered in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Registration is subject to space available on modules, and with the guidance of your adviser. These modules may be at level 5, or at level 4 or at level 6 with the agreement of your adviser.

Progression Requirements to Year Abroad / Final Year

To successfully progress from Year 2 to the Year Abroad (or Final Year for exempted students) you must pass a minimum of 90 credits in Year 2, including any core modules, and have passed a minimum of 195 credits in total from Year 1 and Year 2, and achieve an average mark of 40.0 or higher across all the credits you have taken. Exceptionally the School may permit you to progress to the Year Abroad if you have not yet passed the core level 5 language module, but have met all of the other progression requirements. You must pass the core language module during the following academic year and may not progress to Final Year from the Year Abroad until this hurdle has been passed.

Year Abroad

You must take **120 credits** from the following:

- EITHER 120 credits Year Abroad Assessment module
- OR 2 x 60 credits Semester Abroad Assessment modules

Progression Requirements to Final Year from Year Abroad

You must complete the year abroad to progress to the final year of the programme. Successful completion of the year abroad assessment is not a hurdle to progression but all marks will count towards degree classification, whether pass or fail.

Final Year - Level 6

You must take the following **90 credits**:

- 30 credits Russian III (**core** module)
- 15 credits modules to be chosen from RUS-coded modules at level 6. Interdisciplinary SML-coded modules may be counted towards this requirement.
- 15 credits The Scene of Writing (compulsory module)
- 30 credits optional modules to be chosen from COM-/SML- coded modules at level 6

You will choose the remaining **30 credits** from:

- optional modules offered in Russian
- optional modules offered in Comparative Literature
- all modules offered in the School of Languages, Linguistics and Film
- all modules offered in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Registration is subject to space available on modules, and with the guidance of your adviser. You may choose these modules at level 5 or level 6. You are not allowed to take level 4 modules in your final year. Note that the programme structure only requires you to take a minimum of 90 credits at level 6; you must also pass a minimum of 90 credits at level 6 to be eligible for your degree and may wish to bear this in mind when making module choices.

Requirements for Award

To be eligible for award, you must pass a minimum of 315 credits in total including any core modules, and including a minimum of 90 credits at level 6, but not including the Preliminary Year and/or Year Abroad assessment (as applicable).

Russian (post-GCSE) and Comparative Literature

This pathway is for students who enter with GCSE or equivalent knowledge of Russian language.

Year 1 – Level 4

You must take the following **120 credits**:

- 30 credits Russian I Intensive (**core** module and QMUL Model module)
- 15 credits Russian Culture and Society (compulsory module)
- 15 credits Reading Contemporary Russia (compulsory module)
- 0 credits Critical Thinking and Writing for Modern Foreign Languages (compulsory non-credit bearing module)
- 15 credits Introduction to Literature: Texts and Contexts (compulsory module)
- 15 credits Introduction to Comparison (compulsory module and QMUL Model module)
- 15 credits The Scene of Learning (compulsory module)
- 15 credits Understanding Culture: An Introduction to Cultural Theory (compulsory module)
- 0 credits Critical Thinking and Writing for Comparative Literature (compulsory non-credit bearing module)

Progression Requirements to Year 2

To successfully progress from Year 1 to Year 2 you must pass a minimum of 90 credits, including any core modules, and achieve an average mark of 40.0 or higher across all the credits you have taken.

Year 2 – Level 5

You must take the following **90 credits**:

- 30 credits Russian II Intensive (**core** module)
- 30 credits Foundations of Russian Studies (compulsory module)
- 15 credits The Scene of Reading (compulsory module)
- 15 credits optional modules to be chosen from COM- / SML-coded modules at level 5

You will choose the remaining **30 credits** from:

- optional modules offered in Russian
- optional modules offered in Comparative Literature
- all modules offered in the School of Languages, Linguistics and Film
- all modules offered in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Registration is subject to space available on modules, and with the guidance of your adviser. These modules may be at level 5, or at level 4 or at level 6 with the agreement of your adviser.

Progression Requirements to Year Abroad / Final Year

To successfully progress from Year 2 to the Year Abroad (or Final Year for exempted students) you must pass a minimum of 90 credits in Year 2, including any core modules, and have passed a minimum of 195 credits in total from Year 1 and Year 2, and achieve an average mark of 40.0 or higher across all the credits you have taken. Exceptionally the School may permit you to progress to the Year Abroad if you have not yet passed the core level 5 language module, but have met all of the other progression requirements. You must pass the core language module during the following academic year and may not progress to Final Year from the Year Abroad until this hurdle has been passed.

Year Abroad

You must take **120 credits** from the following:

- EITHER 120 credits Year Abroad Assessment module
- OR 2 x 60 credits Semester Abroad Assessment modules

Progression Requirements to Final Year from Year Abroad

You must complete the year abroad to progress to the final year of the programme. Successful completion of the year abroad assessment is not a hurdle to progression but all marks will count towards degree classification, whether pass or fail.

Final Year - Level 6

You must take the following **90 credits**:

- 30 credits Russian III (**core** module)
- 15 credits modules to be chosen from RUS-coded modules at level 6. Interdisciplinary SML-coded modules may be counted towards this requirement.
- 15 credits The Scene of Writing (compulsory module)
- 30 credits optional modules to be chosen from COM-/SML- coded modules at level 6

You will choose the remaining **30 credits** from:

- optional modules offered in Russian
- optional modules offered in Comparative Literature
- all modules offered in the School of Languages, Linguistics and Film
- all modules offered in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Registration is subject to space available on modules, and with the guidance of your adviser. You may choose these modules at level 5 or level 6. You are not allowed to take level 4 modules in your final year. Note that the programme structure only requires you to take a minimum of 90 credits at level 6; you must also pass a minimum of 90 credits at level 6 to be eligible for your degree and may wish to bear this in mind when making module choices.

Requirements for Award

To be eligible for award, you must pass a minimum of 315 credits in total including any core modules, and including a minimum of 90 credits at level 6, but not including the Preliminary Year and/or Year Abroad assessment (as applicable).

Russian (post-A Level) and Comparative Literature

This pathway is for students who enter with A-Level or equivalent knowledge of the Russian language. Your pathway will be confirmed by a test during Welcome Week in Year 1.

Year 1 – Level 4

You must take the following **120 credits**:

- 30 credits Russian I (**core** module and QMUL Model module)
- 30 credits Foundations of Russian Studies (compulsory module)
- 0 credits Critical Thinking and Writing for Modern Foreign Languages (compulsory non-credit bearing module)
- 15 credits Introduction to Literature: Texts and Contexts (compulsory module)
- 15 credits Introduction to Comparison (compulsory module and QMUL Model module)
- 15 credits The Scene of Learning (compulsory module)
- 15 credits Understanding Culture: An Introduction to Cultural Theory (compulsory module)
- 0 credits Critical Thinking and Writing for Comparative Literature (compulsory non-credit bearing module)

Progression Requirements to Year 2

To successfully progress from Year 1 to Year 2 you must pass a minimum of 90 credits, including any core modules, and achieve an average mark of 40.0 or higher across all the credits you have taken.

Year 2 – Level 5

You must take the following **60 credits**:

- 30 credits Russian II (**core** module)
- 15 credits The Scene of Reading (compulsory module)
- 15 credits optional modules to be chosen from COM- / SML-coded modules at level 5

You will choose the remaining **60 credits** from:

- optional modules offered in Russian
- optional modules offered in Comparative Literature
- all modules offered in the School of Languages, Linguistics and Film
- all modules offered in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Registration is subject to space available on modules, and with the guidance of your adviser. At least 30 credits of these modules must be at level 5. You may choose up to 30 credits at level 4 or at level 6 with the agreement of your adviser.

Progression Requirements to Year Abroad/Final Year

To successfully progress from Year 2 to the Year Abroad (or Final Year for exempted students) you must pass a minimum of 90 credits in Year 2 including any core modules, and have passed a minimum of 195 credits in total from Year 1 and Year 2, and achieve an average mark of 40.0 or higher across all the credits you have taken. Exceptionally the School may permit you to progress to the Year Abroad if you have not yet passed the core level 5 language module, but have met all of the other progression requirements. You must pass the core language module during the following academic year and may not progress to Final Year from the Year Abroad until this hurdle has been passed.

Year Abroad

You must take **120 credits** from the following:

- EITHER 120 credits Year Abroad Assessment module
- OR 2 x 60 credits Semester Abroad Assessment modules

Progression Requirements to Final Year from Year Abroad

You must complete the year abroad to progress to the final year of the programme. Successful completion of the year abroad assessment is not a hurdle to progression but all marks will count towards degree classification, whether pass or fail.

Final Year - Level 6

You must take the following **90 credits**:

- 30 credits Russian III (**core** module)
- 15 credits modules to be chosen from RUS-coded modules at level 6. Interdisciplinary SML-coded modules may be counted towards this requirement.
- 15 credits The Scene of Writing (compulsory module)
- 30 credits optional modules to be chosen from COM-/SML- coded modules at level 6

You will choose the remaining **30 credits** from:

- optional modules offered in Russian
- optional modules offered in Comparative Literature
- all modules offered in the School of Languages, Linguistics and Film
- all modules offered in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

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Requirements for Award

To be eligible for award, you must pass a minimum of 315 credits in total including any core modules, and including a minimum of 90 credits at level 6, but not including the Year Abroad assessment (as applicable).

Russian (native speaker) and Comparative Literature

This pathway is for students who enter with native or near-native speaker knowledge of the Russian language. Your pathway will be confirmed by a test during Welcome Week in Year 1.

Year 1 – Level 4

You must take the following **120 credits**:

- 30 credits Russian I N (**core** module and QMUL Model module)
- 30 credits Foundations of Russian Studies (compulsory module)
- 0 credits Critical Thinking and Writing for Modern Foreign Languages (compulsory non-credit bearing module)
- 15 credits Introduction to Literature: Texts and Contexts (compulsory module)
- 15 credits Introduction to Comparison (compulsory module and QMUL Model module)
- 15 credits The Scene of Learning (compulsory module)
- 15 credits Understanding Culture: An Introduction to Cultural Theory (compulsory module)
- 0 credits Critical Thinking and Writing for Comparative Literature (compulsory non-credit bearing module)

Progression Requirements to Year 2

To successfully progress from Year 1 to Year 2 you must pass a minimum of 90 credits, including any core modules, and achieve an average mark of 40.0 or higher across all the credits you have taken.

Year 2 – Level 5

You must take the following **60 credits**:

- 30 credits Russian II N (**core** module)
- 15 credits The Scene of Reading (compulsory module)
- 15 credits optional modules to be chosen from COM- / SML-coded modules at level 5

You will choose the remaining **60 credits** from:

- optional modules offered in Russian
- optional modules offered in Comparative Literature
- all modules offered in the School of Languages, Linguistics and Film
- all modules offered in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

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Progression Requirements to Year Abroad/Final Year

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Final Year - Level 6

You must take the following **90 credits**:

- 30 credits Russian III N (**core** module)
- 15 credits modules to be chosen from RUS-coded modules at level 6. Interdisciplinary SML-coded modules may be counted towards this requirement.
- 15 credits The Scene of Writing (compulsory module)
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