

Graduate Ab Initio Russian I (Beginners)

Modular Value: 40 credits

Duration: All year

Teaching: Four one-hour classes per week

Lecturers: [Tanya Lipatova \(/staff/profiles/russian/lipatova-tanya.aspx\)](/staff/profiles/russian/lipatova-tanya.aspx) and [Derek Averre \(/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/staff/profiles/averre-derek.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/staff/profiles/averre-derek.aspx)

In the Autumn Term **students are introduced to the basic grammar of Russian, using the Basic Course of the Russian Reading Course for Social Scientists**, which is based on a word count of Social Science materials, and ensures that the words which are learnt in the early stages are the most important ones.

In the second half of the Spring Term the course makes use of the Continuation Course:

- To provide a detailed consolidation of basic grammar
- To introduce some of the more difficult problems of reading Russian materials
- To study the principles of word formation and to expand the student's vocabulary

In addition from Christmas students are divided into groups related to their research interests and begin to translate materials in their field of research.

The course aims to enable students to acquire the ability to read Russian materials in their area of research for their dissertation. In addition it gives them some experience of the active use of Russian.

Assessment

- One three-hour written exam consisting of a passage for translation from Russian into English related to the student's field of research (60%)
- A passage of a general social science nature to be summarised in English (40%). The use of a Russian-English Dictionary is allowed.