

QR72 Russian and Comparative Literature

Overall programme structure(s) and requirements, levels and modules

These regulations are intended for students who commenced their programme of study in September 2023. Students who commenced their programme of study in previous academic years should consult the previous versions of the programme regulations

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 Year Abroad.

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 as long as you meet the overall progression requirements.

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

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, which will allow you to transfer 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 the pathways below 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 (beginner) 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 RUS4203 Introductory Russian (**core** module)
- 30 credits SML4006 Culture and Language (compulsory module)
- 30 credits COM4207 The Scene of Learning (compulsory module)
- 15 credits COM4210 Understanding Culture (compulsory module)
- 15 credits COM4206 Introduction to Comparison (compulsory module)

Progression Requirements from Year 1 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 RUS5202 Russian II Intensive (**core** module)
- 15 credits COM200 The Scene of Reading (compulsory module)
- 15 credits optional modules to be chosen from COM-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 advisor. 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 advisor.

Progression Requirements from Year 2 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, weighted at 1:3 for Year 1 and Year 2 respectively.

Year Abroad – Level 5

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 from Year Abroad to Final Year

The marks achieved for your Year Abroad modules do not count towards your degree classification. An overall fail mark is therefore not a hurdle to progression, but all marks will be displayed on your transcript, whether pass or fail.

Final Year - Level 6

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

- 30 credits RUS6200 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 COM300 The Scene of Writing (compulsory module)
- 30 credits optional modules to be chosen from COM- 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 advisor. 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 your degree, 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 (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 RUS4204 Russian I Intensive (**core** module)
- 30 credits SML4006 Culture and Language (compulsory module)
- 30 credits COM4207 The Scene of Learning (compulsory module)
- 15 credits COM4202 Understanding Culture (compulsory module)
- 15 credits COM4210 Introduction to Comparison (compulsory module)

Progression Requirements from Year 1 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 RUS5202 Russian II Intensive (**core** module)
- 15 credits COM200 The Scene of Reading (compulsory module)
- 15 credits optional modules to be chosen from COM-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 advisor. 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 advisor.

Progression Requirements from Year 2 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, weighted at 1:3 for Year 1 and Year 2 respectively.

Year Abroad – Level 5

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 from Year Abroad to Final Year

The marks achieved for your Year Abroad modules do not count towards your degree classification. An overall fail mark is therefore not a hurdle to progression, but all marks will be displayed on your transcript, whether pass or fail.

Final Year - Level 6

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

- 30 credits RUS6200 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 COM300 The Scene of Writing (compulsory module)
- 30 credits optional modules to be chosen from COM-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 advisor. 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 your degree, 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 (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 RUS4201 Russian I (**core** module)
- 30 credits SML4006 Culture and Language (compulsory module)
- 30 credits COM4207 The Scene of Learning (compulsory module)
- 15 credits COM4210 Understanding Culture (compulsory module)
- 15 credits COM4206 Introduction to Comparison (compulsory module)

Progression Requirements from Year 1 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 RUS5200 Russian II (**core** module)
- 15 credits COM200 The Scene of Reading (compulsory module)
- 15 credits optional modules to be chosen from COM-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 advisor. 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 advisor.

Progression Requirements from Year 2 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, weighted at 1:3 for Year 1 and Year 2 respectively.

Year Abroad – Level 5

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 from Year Abroad to Final Year

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Final Year - Level 6

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

- 30 credits RUS6200 Russian III (**core** module 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 COM300 The Scene of Writing (compulsory module)
- 30 credits optional modules to be chosen from COM-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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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

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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 RUS4202 Russian I N (**core** module)
- 30 credits SML4006 Culture and Language (compulsory module)
- 30 credits COM4207 The Scene of Learning (compulsory module)
- 15 credits COM4210 Understanding Culture (compulsory module)
- 15 credits COM4206 Introduction to Comparison (compulsory module)

Progression Requirements from Year 1 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 RUS5201 Russian II N (**core** module)
- 15 credits COM200 The Scene of Reading (compulsory module)
- 15 credits optional modules to be chosen from COM-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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Year Abroad – Level 5

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Progression Requirements from Year Abroad to Final Year

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Final Year - Level 6

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

- 30 credits RUS6201 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 COM3000 The Scene of Writing (compulsory module)
- 30 credits optional modules to be chosen from COM-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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