



The Year Abroad

All students in the Faculty of Modern and Medieval Languages spend the third year of the four-year degree course abroad. Most students in the Slavonic Studies Section go to Russia or Ukraine for all or part of the year. Your options are vast. You can enrol in a one- or two-term language course; embark on a course in another subject at an approved university or institute; take up a teaching post or a job in a firm; or volunteer for a charity or NGO. Our students spend their Year Abroad doing an extraordinarily wide range of things over a breathtakingly wide expanse of territory, from Kyiv to Moscow, from Siberia to Vladivostok.

Find out more: www.mml.cam.ac.uk/ya

‘The Year Abroad offered me a look “behind the scenes” at one of the most fascinating countries on earth.’

Joss, a fourth-year student

Keep in touch with us

The staff and students in the Slavonic Studies Section are always happy to answer your questions. Be sure to bookmark our website www.mml.cam.ac.uk/slavonic for up-to-date information on course offerings (“papers”) and public events. We look forward to staying in touch.

До связи! До зв'язку! Do zobaczenia!

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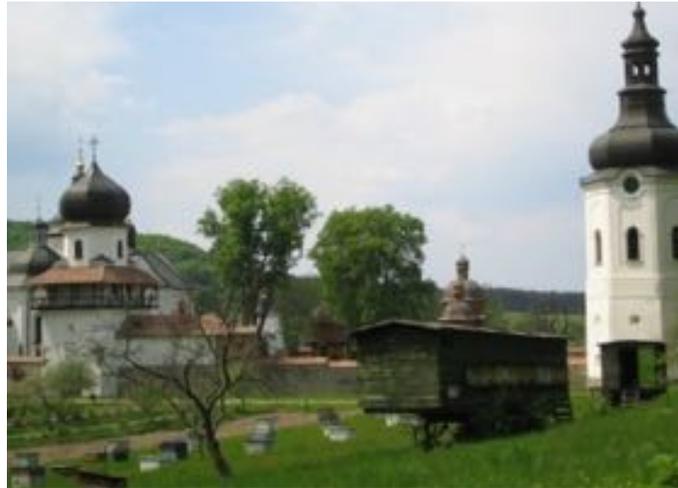
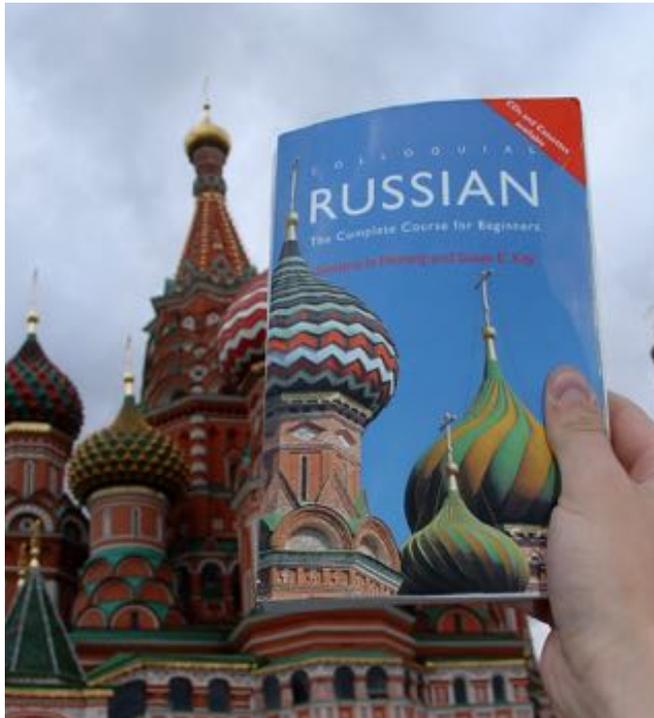


Studying Russian,
Polish & Ukrainian
at the University of Cambridge

‘Why learn Russian?
“Rewarding” does not even
come close to summing it up.’

Alice, a second-year student

Russia, Poland and Ukraine constitute a culturally rich, linguistically diverse and geopolitically strategic part of the world. Applying to study Russian at Cambridge – and potentially adding Polish and/or Ukrainian from your second year of study – is to embark on an intellectual adventure that will distinguish you for the rest of your life. It is also to join the ranks of a highly employable community of scholars who forge rewarding careers in such diverse fields as journalism, law, politics, and diplomacy.



The Slavonic Studies Section

The Slavonic Studies Section is unique in the United Kingdom for its innovative course offerings in Russian, Polish and Ukrainian and for its emphasis on cultural history, from the Middle Ages to the present day. The Section is also home to a dynamic annual programme of public lectures, research seminars, concerts, conferences and exhibitions.

The intellectual vitality of the Section is particularly evident in the fields of Russian, Polish and Ukrainian literatures of the 19th and 20th centuries; film and visual culture; Slavonic linguistics; Black Sea Studies; Nationalism Studies; Memory Studies; Pre-Modern East Slavic culture; and Russian Imperial and Soviet History.

The Section prides itself on preparing all of its students – roughly half of whom begin to study Russian at Cambridge from scratch (*‘ab initio’*) – to a high standard of written and oral excellence. Our courses of study are rigorous, intensive and fun, combining organised lectures and seminars with small group ‘supervisions’.

Imagine your first year at Cambridge

Take a moment and envision your first year (‘Part IA’) in the Slavonic Studies Section. Imagine that you have applied to study Russian and another MML degree language and that you are also thinking of picking up Polish and/or Ukrainian after your second year.

If you are an ‘ab initio’ student of Russian, you are working hard to master elementary Russian grammar, syntax and vocabulary in order to translate basic texts and to speak Russian with a reasonable degree of confidence and accuracy. And you are reading a variety of short 19th and 20th-century texts *in the Russian original*, including short works by Pushkin, Turgenev... and Lenin. In addition to reading, you are also looking – at icons and at portraits of serfs and tsars.

If you are a ‘post-A-Level’ student of Russian, you are developing and fine-tuning your skills in the use of Russian through classes, lectures and a weekly conversation session. And you are travelling your own pathway through the Section’s challenging interdisciplinary introduction to East European cultural history. A dogged-eared copy of Lermontov’s *Hero of Our Time* (Герой нашего времени, 1839-41) is almost always at your side. Akhmatova’s poetic responses to Stalinist terror are a poignant topic of group discussion.

And in this first year, you are stopping by the Section’s fortnightly Russian Coffee Breaks and regular Russian Lunches, which offer informal opportunities to converse in Russian with your colleagues and with native speakers. Given that you may also wish to add the study of Poland and Ukraine to your timetable in the future, why not also visit the Section’s popular open classes in the Polish and Ukrainian languages, which are free for all members of the University?