

## UNDERGRADUATE LICENCE: RUSSIAN

### Objectives

The undergraduate *Licence* programme in Russian applies both to those students who are complete beginners, and to those students who began learning Russian at secondary school.

Practice-based objectives include written and oral expression, written and oral comprehension, translation in both directions (French into Russian and Russian into French).

Theory-based objectives include the study of the contemporary language, literature, history and society in Russia and the Slavic states of Eastern Europe.

In a nutshell...

**Duration:**  
year(s)

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**Education level:**

### Additional information

The particular assets of this programme are:

- \* the enriched cultural relations between France and Russia;
- \* a European Union that is opened out towards Eastern Europe, and renewed dialogues between France and Central Europe, and the Balkans;
- \* an awareness of Russia's important position in contemporary global relations.

#### Study Abroad

Students are encouraged to spend one or two semesters studying abroad within one of our partner universities. Possible destinations include Moscow, St Petersburg, Yekaterinburg, Krasnodar in Russia; Wroclaw and Szczecin in Poland; Riga in Latvia, and Kharkiv, a Russian-speaking city in Ukraine.

### Joint degree establishments and partnerships

### Training content

Three years of study

First and second year of undergraduate study (*Licence 1* and *Licence 2*)

The first and second year of the undergraduate *Licence* in Russian (L1 and L2 respectively) comprise the choice of a major and a minor course unit, allowing students the option to change the direction of their studies.

#### Major unit in Russian Language:

Units include written and oral comprehension and expression, and an introduction to Russian culture. Those students who have never studied Russian benefit from specific and intense teaching.

The more advanced students choose a second Slavic language: Polish, Serbo-Croatian or Czech.

**Minor unit to be chosen from the following:**

Minor unit in Applied Foreign Languages (LEA), allowing students to change the direction of their studies towards the undergraduate *Licence* programme in Applied Foreign Languages (LEA);

**OR**

Minor unit in Linguistic Science (linguistics and didactics), allowing students to change the direction of their studies towards the undergraduate *Licence* programme in Linguistic Science.

Third year of undergraduate study (*Licence 3*)

In the third year of the undergraduate *Licence* in Russian (L3), the Russian language and culture programmes are intensified. In this third year, students can choose their study pathway.

**Pathways to be chosen from the following:**

Professions related to culture and the publishing industry: the history of Slavic literature and publishing, with the aim of preparing students for a Master's level in Slavonic Studies;

**OR**

French as a Foreign Language (FLE): teaching of didactics, with the aim of preparing students for careers in teaching French to non-francophone learners (either within France or abroad).

## Admissions

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Find information regarding enrolment procedures and the supporting documents to be provided, according to your profile and your level of studies :

- \* Independent Stay
- \* Exchange Programme

## Knowledge and skills

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This undergraduate *Licence* equips students with the following competences.

In Russian course units:

- \* language: communication, written production in Russian and French, translation of literary and journalistic texts, reflection on the Russian language;
- \* culture: knowledge of the geography and society of the Russian Federation, and an understanding of the history, literature, and culture of Russia from its origins to today's date;
- \* methodology: commentary (literary, historical, linguistic) of a Russian text, summary, composition in Russian and in French, oral presentations on a given subject, and bibliographical research according to academic norms.

In second Slavic language course units:

- \* basic oral and written comprehension of a second Slavic language (Polish, Serbo-Croatian, Czech);

- \* general culture: historical and geographical concepts, and introduction to the literature of the relevant country (Poland, Serbia and Croatian, Bosnia, Montenegro, Czech Republic).

## Career pathways

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- \* teaching at primary school level, following the competitive examination for French primary school teachers;
- \* teaching Russian at high school and college level, following the competitive university examination for teachers;
- \* teaching of French as a foreign language (FLE), in France or abroad;
- \* professions related to research, within a university or at the National Centre of Scientific Research (CNRS), if the undergraduate *Licence* programme is followed by further study at Master's, and then at PhD level;
- \* professions related to translation and interpretation (in administration, on advice councils, and within outreach departments for public and private international organisations and societies);
- \* professions related to archives and the book trade: librarian, archives and research within secondary education (following the secondary school teaching diploma, known as the 'CAPES'), or in industry.
- \* professions related to tourism and wine tourism, both of which are areas that are particularly booming in Aquitaine;
- \* employment as a business advisor, where the knowledge of Russian and/or another Slavic language is highly sought after, in conjunction with English which is compulsory.

## Further studies

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- \* The Bordeaux Montaigne University Master's in Slavonic Studies, which offers a range of specialisations, including research, publishing/translation, and e-learning.
- \* Master's in Slavonic Studies and Intercultural Studies: a joint programme between Bordeaux Montaigne University and Moscow People's Friendship University of Russia (UBM-RUDN).
- \* Further study in other areas, including international relations, interpreting, journalism, archives and documentation, tourism, business.