

Russian Language Program

We offer courses for students with no previous knowledge of Russian and those who would like to continue building language proficiency. The chart below shows UVic Russian language program that leads up to B1 proficiency level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages ([CEFR](#)).

CEFR Levels	Class hours to reach each level	Russian Language Courses at UVic taught at each level	
A1 Can understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases aimed at the satisfaction of needs of a concrete type. Can introduce him/herself and others and can ask and answer questions about personal details such as where he/she lives, people he/she knows and things he/she has. Can interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.	100-120 hrs	Core courses: SLST 101 Beginning Russian I SLST 102 Beginning Russian II SLST 201 Intermediate Russian I Additional courses: SLST 203 Pronunciation and Colloquial Russian Total of 105-140 hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Certificate in Language and Cultural Proficiency (Russian) ➤ Minor, Major, and Honours in Slavic Studies ➤ MA in Slavic Studies
A2 Can understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment). Can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters. Can describe in simple terms aspects of his/her background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need.	180-200 hrs	Core courses: SLST 202 Intermediate Russian II SLST 301 Advanced Russian Additional courses: SLST 303 Russian Popular Culture (in Russian) Total of 175-245 hrs (A1+A2 level courses combined)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Study Abroad Program in St. Petersburg ➤ UVic Russian Testing Centre
B1 (approaching) Can understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc. Can deal with most situations likely to arise whilst travelling in an area where the language is spoken. Can produce simple connected text on topics which are familiar or of personal interest. Can describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.	440-460 hrs	SLST 401 Advanced Russian Practice SLST 403 Topics in Russian Culture, Literature, Film (in Russian) Total of 245-315 hrs (A1, A2, B1 level courses combined) *Study Abroad Programme in St Petersburg provides students with additional 160 contact hours. Students, who have taken language courses offered on campus and went to study abroad, typically reach B1 level.	

For class placement and other enquiries please contact our Language Program Coordinator [Dr. Julia Rohtchina](#).