

Russian: Area Studies (A005857)

Course size *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

Credits 3.0 **Study time 90 h**

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2026-2027

A (semester 1)	Dutch, Russian	Gent	seminar	0.0h
			lecture	0.0h

Lecturers in academic year 2026-2027

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Offered in the following programmes in 2026-2027

	crdts	offering
Master of Science in Teaching in Languages(main subject Applied Language Studies)	3	A
Master of Arts in Interpreting: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, English, Russian)	3	A
Master of Arts in Multilingual Communication: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, English, Russian)	3	A
Master of Arts in Translation: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, English, Russian)	3	A
Master of Arts in Interpreting: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, French, Russian)	3	A
Master of Arts in Multilingual Communication: a combination of at least two languages(main subject Dutch, French, Russian)	3	A
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Exchange Programme Applied Language Studies	3	A

Teaching languages

Russian, Dutch

Keywords

Russian, area studies, politics, economy, culture.

Position of the course

The course unit "Russian: Area Studies" complements the course units "History and Culture of Russia" and "Russian: Literature", which give a general overview of historical and cultural processes in Russia.

The course elaborates on social structures and modern institutions in Russia, linking those to the country's historical roots.

Contents

The course contents of "Russian: Area Studies" are thematically organized . The following topics are covered: economy, (internal and foreign) (geo)politics, social evolutions, culture and ecology.

Initial competences

The students:

- are familiar with important concepts and realia from the cultural history of the language area;
- can retrieve information about the language area's cultural history, drawing on appropriate sources;
- can frame the language area's current affairs in a cultural and historical context;
- can understand and produce Russian written texts of more than average difficulty as they are used in various professional situations;
- can understand orally produced Russian texts in a number of professional situations;
- can use fluent spoken Russian in a number of professional situations.

Final competences

- 1 Having a command of Russian at B2+ level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages for oral skills and C1 for vocabulary, listening and reading [MV11; MT11; MC11; assessed]
- 2 Having advanced knowledge of the cultural and institutional backgrounds of Russia [MC12; MT12; MV13; assessed]
- 3 Critically reflecting on social developments in Russia [MC12; MT12; MV13; assessed]
- 4 Critically reflecting on aspects of intercultural communication with Russia [MC12; MT12; MV13; assessed]
- 5 Critically applying theoretical models and models of analysis to complex problems [MC23; MT23; MV23; assessed]
- 6 Underpinning views in a scientifically justified manner and sharing these in a coherent and clear manner [MC32; MT32; MV32; assessed]

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned in 'Starting Competences'

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Seminar, Lecture

Extra information on the teaching methods

During the interactive seminars students delve deeper into some specific themes from Russian current affairs.

Class recordings are only made available to students with special status or in cases of force majeure.

Study material

Type: Slides

Name: slides

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Available on Ufora : Yes

Online Available : Yes

Type: Reader

Name: complementary articles and papers

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Available on Ufora : Yes

Online Available : Yes

References

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Course content-related study coaching

Individual support on demand.

Assessment moments

end-of-term assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period

Oral assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period

Oral assessment

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

not applicable

Extra information on the examination methods

First session: Oral examination (written preparation).

Second session: Oral examination (written preparation).

Calculation of the examination mark

First session: Oral examination (written preparation) (100%).

Second session: Oral examination (written preparation) (100%).

Facilities for Working Students

Exemption from class attendance is possible.

Examinations can be taken at other moments throughout the academic year.

Feedback on request.