



Additional Information

Background

The School of Modern Languages and Cultures

The School of Modern Languages and Cultures at Leeds is one of the largest institutional providers of Modern Language degrees at undergraduate and postgraduate level in the UK, with over 100 academic staff, over 2000 undergraduate students and around 200 postgraduates registering each year. It offers degree programmes in Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies; East Asian Studies; French; German, Russian and Slavonic Studies; Italian; Linguistics and Phonetics; Spanish, Portuguese and Latin-American Studies; and World Cinemas, as well as elective modules in many different languages as well as English as a Foreign Language (EFL) in the University Language Centre, and postgraduate (PG) teaching in the Centre for Translation Studies.

The School operates successful MAs in Applied and Audiovisual Translation Studies, Conference Interpreting and Translation Studies, Professional Language and Intercultural Studies, and World Cinemas, as well as a number of MA programmes in East and South-East Asian Studies and in Linguistics and Phonetics.

The Centres for Translation Studies, World Cinemas, French and Francophone Cultural Studies, Brazilian Film Studies and Dante Studies are interdisciplinary research centres based within the School. The School also has long-standing involvement in the Centres for Cultural Studies, European Studies, Gender Studies, Jewish Studies, Medieval Studies and the Institute of Colonial and Postcolonial Studies. In the area of East Asian Studies, the School is the lead partner in the White Rose East Asia Centre (with Sheffield University). Significant research themes in the wider School include: Translation Studies, Language and Linguistics; Film Studies, Literary Studies, Popular Cultures; Identity and Nationhood; Gender and the Body; and Colonial and Postcolonial Studies.

Russian

Russian teaches approximately 25 Single Honours Russian students and about 55 students on Joint Honours programmes, from *ab initio* and post-A-level entry. At PG level it offers research supervision across the whole range of its expertise at PhD, MPhil and MA level. The teaching programme for the BA Russian degrees can be found at:

<http://webprod1.leeds.ac.uk/catalogue/programmesearch.asp?L=UG&Y=201112&F=P&D=RUSL&S=&A=any>

There are 3 permanent full-time members of staff with one Senior Lecturer and two Lecturers, plus one part-time Senior Lecturer and two Teaching Fellows.

Colleagues in Russian have recently devised a new research strategy aimed at being world-leading, in that it seeks to reposition Russian culture, and Russian Studies, in the age of globalisation. To this end, it is in the process of establishing the Leeds Russian Centre, whose core agenda will be "Russia(n) in the Global Context." The Centre brings together researchers working on aspects of Russian Studies from diverse faculties around the University and will act as a hub for an international network on the same theme.

Colleagues in Russian are also part of the School's various Research Groups, which hold regular research seminars that are attended by staff and postgraduate students as well as colleagues in other parts of the University.

The academic work of the Department is strongly supported by the extensive resources of the Brotherton Library, a leading research library with major holdings across the range of departmental teaching and research interests, and home to the world-leading Leeds Russian Archive. It also benefits from its proximity to the British Lending Library at Boston Spa.. State of-of-the-art multi-media and IT facilities are also provided in the School's Electronic Resources and Information Centre (ERIC) and in the University Language Centre.

More information about Russian can be found at <http://www.leeds.ac.uk/russian> and about the Leeds Russian Centre at http://www.leeds.ac.uk/info/125106/leeds_russian_centre