

Russian



Exam Board

Edexcel

Qualification

GCE A or AS Level

Entry Requirements

GCSE Russian at grade A

Content (Outline of Course)

At AS there are 4 compulsory topics:

- Youth Culture and Concerns
- Lifestyle: health and fitness
- The world around us: travel, tourism, environmental issues and the Russian-speaking world

At A level there are 3 compulsory topics:

- Customs, traditions, beliefs and religions
- National and international events: past, present and future
- Literature and the arts

Combined with a cultural topic from one of the following:

- The study of a text, play, film or topic area that links to the culture and/or society of a Russian-speaking country, countries or community

Assessment

THE AS EXAMINATION

Unit 1 - Speaking

8-10 minutes, and this forms 30% of the total AS marks (15% of the total A Level marks)

Unit 2 - Listening, Reading and Writing

2 ½ hours, and this forms 70% of the total AS marks (35% of the total A Level marks)

THE A2 LEVEL EXAMINATION

Unit 3 - Speaking

11-13 minutes debate, and this forms 17.5% of the total A Level marks

Unit 3 - Listening, Reading and Writing

2½ hours, and this forms 32.5% of the total A Level marks

Careers Guidance

Russian is a highly valued and very unusual A Level and choosing it will increase your chances of gaining a place at a leading university. Languages combine well with virtually any subject for further study. The range of combined degrees and further education courses involving a language is limitless – from Accountancy with Russian to Theatre Studies. Many universities even offer funding for students to continue or extend their linguistic knowledge by travelling or working abroad during the holidays. Many universities also offer the opportunity to take an ERASMUS year whereby students can study their degree subject in another country and thereby develop and practise their language skills at the same time.