

RUSSIAN STUDIES

Welcome to the information page of the study programme Russian Studies (study programme named after Boris Nemtsov).

The programme is implemented jointly with the Faculty of Social Sciences of Charles University.

The application can be submitted until March 31!

General information about the study programme

- **form and type of study:** full-time, master's (follow-up graduate) programme
The language of instruction: Russian, English. Fee-paying programme. The annual fee: CZK 140 000.
- **permitted combinations:** only single-curriculum study; cannot be combined with any other master's programme
- **admission without entrance examination:** not permissible
- **important links:**
 - [General conditions and basic documents of the admission procedure](#) (website in English)
 - [Information about recognition of your previous education](#) (website in English)

[Website of the Department of East European Studies](#)

[Facebook of the Department of East European Studies](#)

[Website of the Boris Nemtsov Academic Centre for the Study of Russia](#)

[Russian Studies 2024 \(text in English\)](#)

[Российские исследования 2024](#)

Numbers of applicants admitted in the previous academic years

YEAR	EXPECTED NUMBER OF ACCEPTED APPLICANTS	APPLICANTS	ADMITTED	MINIMUM NUMBER OF POINTS REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION	ENROLLED TO STUDY
2024/25	20				
2023/24	20	33	9	56	8

The minimum number of points required for admission is the number of points obtained by the last applicant admitted in a given year (i.e. all those who obtained fewer points were ranked „below the line“). If more applicants are admitted than the expected number of admissions, then more applicants in last place have achieved the same number of points. The points threshold is thus definitive and does not move, even if some admitted applicants do not enter the course.

Why study with us

“Russian Studies (study programme named after Boris Nemtsov)” is a postgraduate master's (two-year) educational programme in Russian, which also includes a number of compulsory selective and optional lectures and seminars in English. The study programme is aimed at studying Russia with an emphasis on the post-Soviet period. The study plan includes several compulsory courses, which represent the methodological and theoretical base of specialized scientific disciplines, as well as

thematic blocks of compulsory selective courses with a variable offer of lectures and seminars (society, internal politics and economics of post-Soviet Russia; foreign policy of Russia after the collapse of the USSR; language and symbols of modern Russian politics, culture and identity; journalism and media in post-Soviet Russia). The goal of the postgraduate master's study programme "Russian Studies (study programme named after Boris Nemtsov)" is to train qualified specialists capable of working both in the commercial sphere, focused on Russia and the post-Soviet space, and in international organizations, government bodies of democratic countries at various levels, and non-governmental organizations and media focused on the Russian-speaking environment, the post-Soviet space or Russian-speaking communities outside of Russia. The postgraduate master's study programme "Russian Studies (study programme named after Boris Nemtsov)" is open to all interested persons with a bachelor's degree or higher. A prerequisite is also knowledge of the Russian language at least level C1 (according to CEFR for languages), knowledge of English at least level B2 (according to CEFR for languages), basic knowledge of the history of Russia and knowledge of the political and social realities of modern Russia.

Entrance exam and how to prepare for it

ORAL EXAM

1. demonstration of knowledge of the English language at least level B2 (according to CEFR for languages) in the form of a discussion about motivation for study of the programme (max. 20 points)
2. demonstration of basic knowledge of Russian history (max. 40 points)
3. demonstration of knowledge of the political and social realities of modern Russia (max. 40 points)

additional requirements for the exam: list of reading materials (to be presented at the entrance exam)

For serious and documented reasons, a remote form of the oral examination can be requested through the information system no later than May 22.

Entrance exam scores

The maximum score for the entrance exam is 100 points. If you score 50 points or more, you have every chance of admission, but for this you need to ensure that your result is not lower than the passing score for the current year.

For a summary of the results of the admission examinations to compare how many points on average are sufficient for admission to this study programme, see the tab Numbers of applicants admitted in the previous academic years.

Information on graduate prospects

A graduate of the two-year postgraduate master's study programme „Russian Studies (study programme named after Boris Nemtsov)“ will be able to independently analyze the changes taking place in Russian society, foreign policy, economics, journalism, the media space and the political-constitutional system from 1991 to the present in the international context, will have the ability to critically work with information resources, will be familiar with the latest relevant scientific literature and methodological approaches, will be ready to continue postgraduate studies in Russian- and English-language graduate programmes focused on the study of Russia and Eastern Europe with an appropriate methodological base (especially history, political science, sociology). The knowledge and skills acquired during the study will allow the graduate of the postgraduate master's educational program „Russian Studies (study programme named after Boris Nemtsov)“ to participate in the work of international commercial and non-profit organizations, work in the field of economic relations and tourism, in traditional and new media, in government agencies and in non-governmental

organizations. A graduate of the postgraduate master's study programme „Russian Studies (study programme named after Boris Nemtsov)“ will be prepared to work in international professional teams and project activities, to develop analytical and information materials on the problems of post-Soviet Russia and its relations with the world.

Application for study

You can submit applications for study at the Faculty of Arts, Charles University only electronically via the [Student Information System](#)!

You will be asked to log in before submitting your application:

If you are a current student of Charles University, please use your assigned student username to log in. Equivalent to this username is your personal number that can be found on your student identification card under your photograph. Should you experience any issues with your password, please visit the [CAS website](#), where you can request a new password and get more information about Central Authentication Service (CAS).

If you are a new applicant who has not previously studied at CU and have never submitted an application for study in the past (regardless of success), you will be asked to register prior to submitting your application. In order to do so, you will be asked to provide a registration email address to which an email will be sent containing a link to a page where you will be able to set up your new password. You will need to use this email address and password in the course of the whole application process, as only under these credentials all of your current applications will be displayed. However, these credentials cannot be used for logging into other modules of the Student Information System (SIS).

Whenever you log in again after having submitted your application, you will see a list of all applications you have submitted under your name displayed in the upper right-hand corner, in the “My applications” section. If you use a different email address than the one provided during registration, only the “New applicant” option will be displayed in the upper right-hand corner and the “My applications” button will not be available.

Please do not create a new application under a different e-mail address, as this complicates the identification not only for the system but also for the employees of the Admission Procedure Department. If you are unable to log in to your existing account again, please contact us at prijimacky@ff.cuni.cz, and we'll be happy to help you renew your login process.

It is not recommended to apply from a mobile device!