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Government agencies and Australian businesses, law firms and consulting firms have a growing international presence and require employees with knowledge of the Russian language. There are also many opportunities within Russia and Central and North Asia for Australians who know Russian.

Russian is the language of a major world power. It is also the common language of many millions of people in the fifteen countries of the Former Soviet Union, which cover a large part of Asia, making it the 8th most spoken language in the world.

It is the basis of a unique culture of literature, music, film, drama and opera and the language of a large body of scientific literature. It is also the language of a large immigrant community in Australia. It has become one of the top two languages in space.

The Russian program at The Australian National University (ANU) provides the linguistic grounding on which students may build a familiarity with that rich cultural and scientific tradition.

Russian may be studied as a minor (4 courses) or as an elective. On completion of the minor you will have a good grounding in all aspects of communication in Russian.

## Study Program

ANU offers an outstanding variety of programs that cater to those students interested in studying a language. Courses are offered from beginners to honours and postgraduate levels, and various enrolment options provide for different student needs.

Students may choose to study Russian within a Bachelor of Arts or within a specialised program

such as the Bachelor of Languages, Bachelor of European Studies, or Bachelor of International Relations.

Students may also combine any of these Bachelor degrees with other degrees on offer at ANU through the Flexible Double or Vertical degrees.

The Russian minor comprises two introductory Russian courses, followed by two more advanced online courses (offered through Macquarie University).

Two translation courses (with a specialisation in Russian) and History and Politics in Russia can also count towards the minor.

Students who study Russian learn to:

- read, comprehend and infer authors' meanings in media such as newspapers, magazines, literary and academic texts written in Russian
- engage in short conversations in Russian with clarity and accuracy
- write texts in Russian with correct script and grammatical structures, and appropriate vocabulary
- identify aspects of Russian-speaking cultures and societies as evident in Russian language texts and other media.

## Introduction to Russian I

This course is designed to develop basic listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in the Russian language. Students are introduced to life and culture of the Russian-speaking societies and principles of intercultural communication. The course incorporates principles of communicative and task-based language teaching.

On successful completion of this course, students will have the knowledge and skills to:

- decode the Cyrillic script accurately using the fundamentals of the Russian sound system
- understand and reproduce aspects of Russian pronunciation, including vowels, consonants, and basic intonation
- engage in very simple communication of predictable content in spoken and written Russian about topics covered in the course, such as personal details;
- demonstrate an understanding of aspects of life and culture of the Russian speaking societies, including basic principles of culturally appropriate Russian language use.

## Introduction to Russian II

In this second introductory course students continue to develop basic listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in the Russian language. Students are introduced to further aspects of life and culture of Russian-speaking societies. The course incorporates principles of communicative and task-based language teaching.

On successful completion of this course, students will have the knowledge and skills to:

- engage in simple communication of predictable content in spoken and written Russian about topics covered in the course
- read and understand more complex texts
- listen to/watch and understand more complex audio and video extracts, and
- demonstrate an understanding of further aspects of life and culture of the Russian speaking societies, including basic principles of culturally appropriate Russian language use.

## Russian Minor - Overview

Courses in this minor are offered through ANU and Macquarie University in distance mode. For the purpose of the minor, 3 credit points from Macquarie University is the equivalent to 6 units from ANU.

## Prizes and scholarships

The School of Literature, Languages and Linguistics offers a variety of prizes and scholarships to students at an undergraduate, honours, and graduate level. Visit our prizes and scholarships page to find out more: [slll.anu.edu.au/students/scholarships](https://slll.anu.edu.au/students/scholarships)

## Flexible Double Degrees

As part of a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Languages, a Russian minor can be combined with other Art and Social Science degrees as well as with degrees in Law, Business, Science or Engineering and Computer Science as part of the ANU Flexible Double Degree program.

For a full list of degree combinations see [anu.edu.au/study/study-options/flexible-double](https://anu.edu.au/study/study-options/flexible-double)

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