



Universiteit Leiden

Course and Examination Regulations

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Programme-specific section:

Master's Programme: Russian and Eurasian Studies

These course and examination regulations have been drawn up in accordance with Section 7.13 of the Higher Education and Research Act [*Wet op het hoger onderwijs en wetenschappelijk onderzoek*] (WHW) (henceforth the Act) and additional quality marks as set out in the framework document Leiden University Register of Study Programmes [*Leids universitair register opleidingen*].

Pursuant to Section 7.14 of the Act the Faculty Board regularly evaluates the course and examination regulations and assesses, for the purpose of monitoring and, if necessary, adjusting the study load, the time it takes students to comply with the regulations. In conformity with Section 9.18 of the Act, the department teaching committee is assigned the task of annually assessing how the course and examination regulations are implemented.

These course and examination regulations consist of two sections: a general section that is the same for all programmes and a section that contains information that is specific to a particular programme. This programme-specific section forms a whole with the general section, and only contains the articles with content that is specific to a particular programme.

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Article 2.1 **Objectives of the Programme**

The programme has the following objectives:

1. to enable students to acquire academic knowledge, understanding and skills, and train them in the use of scientific methods in the field of Russian and Eurasian Studies;
2. to enable students to develop the following academic and professional skills:
 - independent academic reasoning and conduct,
 - the ability to analyse complex problems,
 - academic reporting;
3. to prepare students for an academic career and further education;
4. to prepare students for a career outside academia.

Article 2.2 **Specialisations**

Not applicable.

Article 2.3 **Achievement Levels**

Graduates of the programmes will have reached the following achievement levels:

1. Knowledge and understanding:
 - Specialised knowledge of and multi- and interdisciplinary insight into a combination of Russia's politics, history, economy, language, literature and culture, viewed in their national context and/or from a broader Eurasian and international perspective.
2. Applying knowledge and understanding:
 - The ability to operate a complex multi- and interdisciplinary scientific conceptual apparatus and to employ a variety of modern scientific methods, in order to independently develop a problem formulation in the field of Russian and Eurasian Studies.
3. Judgement:
 - a. The ability to independently define informed and persuasive viewpoints (on the basis of Russian and/or non-Russian sources and supplemented by one's own findings) which have an added value to scholarly discussions about developments in the field of Russian and Eurasian Studies.
 - b. The ability to critically reflect on differing opinions and hypotheses as well as on one's own research, taking into account and weighing alternative arguments.
4. Communication:
 - a. The ability to independently draw up an adequate scholarly report of the research conducted in the field of Russian and Eurasian Studies in various presentation forms.
 - b. The ability to communicate the scientific knowledge and skills that are characteristic of graduates of the master's degree programme Russian and Eurasian Studies in a socially relevant way.
5. Learning skills
 - The learning skills required to be able to follow post-master's professional training or a PhD training of a largely self-determined or autonomous nature.

Article 2.5 **Study Load**

The programme has a study load of 60 credits.

Article 2.8 **Language of Instruction**

In compliance with the Code of Conduct regarding Language of Instruction [*Gedragcode voertaal*¹] the language of instruction and examination of the programme is English. Students are expected to have an adequate command of the language of instruction of the programme.

Article 3.1 **Compulsory Components**

3.1.1 The programme includes compulsory components totalling a study load of 60 credits. These compulsory components include the optional courses [*keuzevakken*] from which a student is obliged to choose.

Article 4.2 **Obligatory Order**

4.2.1 Not applicable.

Article 4.3 **Examination Formats**

4.3.7 Not applicable.

Article 5.2 **Admission to the academic year 2014-2015**

5.2.1 Without prejudice to the stipulations of Article 5.1.1 regarding maximum capacity, persons who are in possession of the following degree are granted direct admission to the programme:

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| <i>Admission on the basis of Bachelor programme</i> |
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| Russian Studies (Leiden University) |
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5.2.2 Without prejudice to the stipulations in Article 5.1.1 regarding maximum capacity, persons who do not meet the entry requirements set in 5.2.1 will be granted admission to the programme, if they:

- have earned the degree of Bachelor at a university not being a university of professional education, or demonstrate to meet the requirements for such a degree, including the General Academic Skills listed in Appendix C;
- are sufficiently proficient in the language of instruction, to be assessed by the faculty board (English TOEFL 600/250/100 or IELTS 7.0);
- possess comparable qualities in the field of knowledge, understanding and skills with those acquired upon graduating from the bachelor's programme referred to in article 5.2.1 (i.e. knowledge, understanding of and skills in at least two disciplines of the MA programme: politics, international relations, history, economics, linguistics, literature and culture).

5.2.3 Not applicable.

Article 5.3 **Admission to the academic year 2015-2016**

5.3.1 Without prejudice to the stipulations of Article 5.1.1 regarding maximum capacity, persons who are in possession of the following degree are granted direct admission to the programme:

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| <i>Admission on the basis of Bachelor programme</i> |
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| Russian Studies (Leiden University) |
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5.3.2 Without prejudice to the stipulations in Article 5.1.1 regarding maximum capacity, persons who do not meet the entry requirements set in 5.3.1 will be granted admission to the programme, if they:

¹ The Code of Conduct on the Language of Instruction and Examination [*Gedragcode voertaal*] was adopted by the Executive Board on 28 May 2013 and can be found on the following website: [media.leidenuniv.nl/legacy/language of instruction.pdf](http://media.leidenuniv.nl/legacy/language%20of%20instruction.pdf).

- have earned the degree of Bachelor at a university, not being a university of professional education, equivalent to the level of a Dutch academic Bachelor's degree, or demonstrate to meet the requirements for such a degree, including the General Academic Skills listed in Appendix C; and
- are sufficiently proficient in the language of instruction, to be assessed by the Faculty Board (English IELTS 7.0, TOEFL 100 (internet-based) or Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE)); and
- possess comparable qualities in the field of knowledge, understanding and skills with those acquired upon graduating from the Bachelor's programme referred to in article 5.3.1, specifically:
 - knowledge, understanding of and skills in at least two disciplines of the Master's programme: politics, international relations, history, economics, linguistics, literature and culture; and
 - academic knowledge of Russian history and society.

Applicants with a Bachelor's degree in International Studies from Leiden University who

- have completed all area courses for Russia and Eurasia, and the programme's Russian language classes (20 credits)
- wrote their BA Thesis and/or completed optional courses worth 10 credits on Russia and Eurasia

are considered to have fulfilled these requirements.

5.3.3 Not applicable.

Article 5.5 Bridging Programmes (Premasters)

5.5.1 The programme has established the following bridging programmes (for the following target groups) in order to remedy deficiencies:

The bridging programme is intended for students with a Bachelor's degree in Russian, Russian Culture, History or Society obtained from The Hague University of Applied Science [*De Haagse Hogeschool*]. Next to this bridging programme, the Admissions Board may specify individual bridging programmes for other applicants who do not fully meet the entry requirements. Students who successfully complete the bridging programme will be admitted to the Master's programme.

The premaster consists of 30 credits from the following courses, to be selected by the student (the language of instruction is Dutch, but some courses may be taught in English):

| Semester | Title of Course | Language of instruction | Credits |
|----------|--|-------------------------|---------|
| I | Geschiedenis van de Sovjet-Unie | Dutch | 10 |
| I | Russische Letterkunde 2: Poëzie en korte verhalen | Dutch | 10 |
| I | Russian Politics | English | 10 |
| I | Russische Taal & Maatschappij | Dutch | 10 |
| I | Russische Taalkunde 3: Moderne Russische taalkunde | Dutch | 10 |
| II | The Russian Economy | English | 10 |
| II | International Relations of Russia | English | 10 |
| II | Russische Letterkunde 3 | Dutch | 10 |

5.5.2 Information regarding the bridging programmes can be requested from the coordinator of studies of the programme.

Appendix D - Curriculum

Master's programme 2014-2015

Russian and Eurasian Studies

| Year | Semester | Block | Course title | Prospectus number | Mode(s) of instruction | Level | EC | Status | Number of examinations | Assesment methods | Achievement levels applied |
|------|----------|-------------|--|-------------------|------------------------|-------|-----------|--------|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | Electives (select four courses): * | | | | 40 | C | | | |
| 1 | I | I,II | <i>The Political Economy of Russia and Eurasia</i> | 5644IRU12 | sem | 500 | -10 | O | 6 | as, op, wp | 1, 2, 3, 4 |
| 1 | I | I,II | <i>Linguistics: Topics in (Russian) Language & Linguistics</i> | 5644IRU05 | sem | 500 | -10 | O | 4 | pa, ad, wp | 1, 2, 3, 4 |
| 1 | I | I,II | <i>Language and Identity of Minorities in Siberia</i> | 5644IRU01 | sem | 500 | -10 | O | 2 | op, wp | 1, 2, 3, 4 |
| 1 | I | I,II | <i>Culture & Literature: Russian Culture of the Thaw (1953-1968)</i> | 5644IRU02 | sem | 500 | -10 | O | 5 | as, op, wp | 1, 2, 3, 4 |
| 1 | I | I, II | <i>Russian and Eurasian Politics & International Relations</i> | 5644IRU03 | sem | 500 | -10 | O | 4 | as, op, wp | 1, 2, 3, 4 |
| 1 | II | III, IV | <i>Translating Russian Literature</i> | 5644IRU15 | sem | 500 | -10 | O | 4 | pa, tr, ad, wp | 1, 2, 3, 4 |
| 1 | II | III,IV | <i>History: Nationality in Imperial and Soviet Russia</i> | 5644IRU07 | sem | 500 | -10 | O | 6 | as, op, wp | 1, 2, 3, 4 |
| 1 | II | III | <i>History of Russian Linguistics</i> | 5644IRU13 | sem | 500 | -10 | O | 4 | pas, as, op, wp | 1, 2, 3, 4 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | I/II | I,II,III,IV | MA Thesis | 5644VRU01 | sem, ss | 600 | 20 | C | 1 | wp | 1, 2, 3, 4 |
| | | | | | | | 60 | | | | |

Notes:

* Upon approval by the Board of Examiners, the student can exchange one course of 10 EC for a master's course not pertaining to the programme, on condition that the latter is in accordance with the programme's general objectives. In well-motivated cases, an exchange of more courses can be considered by the Board.

Abbreviations

Mode(s) of instruction:

| | |
|-----|------------|
| lc | lectures |
| sem | seminars |
| tut | tutorials |
| men | mentoring |
| ss | self-study |
| exc | excursion |
| is | internship |

Level:

400 level of education according to the Leiden 100-600 structure

Status of the course:

C (compulsory) if the course is a compulsory component for all students of the programme/specialisation/track
O (optional) if the course is an optional component of the programme

Methods of assessment:

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| w | written examination |
| wm | written examination with multiple choice questions |
| we | written examination with essay questions |
| wth | take home examination |
| wp | paper, essay, thesis |
| oe | oral examination |
| op | oral presentation |
| tr | translation |
| pa | participation |
| as | (weekly) assignments |
| pro | protocol |

Achievement levels applied:

According to the numeration of achievement levels in art. 2.3 of the programme section of the Course and Examination Regulations