

RUSSIAN AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES**RECOMMENDED PRELIMINARY READING FOR
NEW UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS**

If you'd like to do some preliminary reading before classes start on 23rd September 2013, the materials below will help you to get started. The materials listed below are not 'homework', and no one will test you on them when you arrive. Rather, they are suggestions that you may find helpful in preparation for the work that you will undertake over the course of your degree programme.

RUSSIAN LANGUAGEResources for beginners:

BBC Languages: Guide to Russian, <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/russian/>

Russian for Everyone, <http://www.russianforeveryone.com/>

Russian Language Lessons, <http://www.russianlessons.net/>

Resources for intermediate to advanced learners:

Russian Mentor, <http://russianmentor.net/>

News of the Week in Simplified Russian, <http://nclrc.org/webcasts/russian/>

Reference works:

Edna Andrews, *Russian* (SEELRC Reference Grammars),
<http://www.seelrc.org:8080/grammar/mainframe.jsp?nLanguageID=6>

Robert Beard, *Online Russian Reference Grammar*, <http://www.alphadictionary.com/rusgrammar/>

Terence Wade, *A Comprehensive Russian Grammar*, 3rd edition (Blackwell, 2010)

RUSSIAN HISTORY AND CULTURE

Edward Acton, *Russia: The Tsarist and Soviet Legacy* (Longman, 1995)

From the Ends to the Beginning: A Bilingual Anthology of Russian Verse,
<http://max.mmlc.northwestern.edu/~mdenner/Demo/>

Geoffrey Hosking, *Russia and The Russians* (Belknap, 2001)

Robin Milner-Gulland, *The Russians* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2000)

Nicholas Rzhevsky, ed., *The Cambridge Companion to Modern Russian Culture*, 2nd edition
(Cambridge, 2012)

Robert Service, *The Penguin History of Modern Russia: From Tsarism to the Twenty-First Century*
(Penguin, 2009)

RUSSIA: GENERAL INFORMATION

BBC News, *Russia profile*, http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/country_profiles/1102275.stm

Central Intelligence Agency, *Russia* (The World Factbook),
<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/rs.html>

Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation, *Russia Factfile*
<http://en.russia.edu.ru/russia/>