

Russian

The list of topics is indicative only (as typically encountered at those levels) to help prospective students select the most appropriate course. When topics and grammar points appear under several levels, they will be either a revision and/or more in-depth study of the topic/grammar area. Most grammar structures and vocabulary items are of course encountered again and often reinforced in subsequent levels.

Accelerator	Progression	Development	Typical topics	Grammar
Stage 1 (continued next page)	Beginners (continued next page)	Step 1	The alphabet & its origins Numbers 1 – 10 Greetings & introductions Family, marital status Identifying people & objects Position and location of things Asking for things Describing things Agreeing and disagreeing Drinks, meals Asking for permission Likes & dislikes Directions Towns, places of interest Notices & signs On the phone Holidays & celebrations Television & Newspapers	Omission of 'are' and 'is' Interrogative sentences 'To have' for possession Russian verbs in the infinitive 1 st conjugation verbs Absence of 'a' and 'the' Gender of nouns Plural of masculine & feminine nouns Indeclinable nouns Noun endings Adjectives Nominative case Accusative case Prepositional/locative case Prepositions & dative Verbs and prepositions Personal pronouns Possessive pronouns Prefixes

Stage 1 (continued & next page)	Beginners (continued)	Step 2	<p>Numbers 10 – 100 Ordinal numerals Russian names Nationalities Occupations Travelling Shopping Seasons, months, days of the week Daily routine House, rooms, facilities Weather Hotel booking, facilities, complaints Russian cooking, menus, eating out Life in Russia, Russian history Time and seasons Making plans</p>	<p>Word order 1st and 2nd conjugation verbs To have Past tense Future tense Adverbs Agreement of adjectives & nouns Masculine nouns ending in -a Plural of adjectives Use of a wider range of adjectives Short adjectives The genitive case Using 'no'</p>
	Elementary (continued next page)	Step 1	<p>Origins of Russia Dates, years, months, numbers Famous people in Russia Russian towns Nationalities & places Russian proverbs Festival celebrations Invitations & visas, hospitality Money Travelling by train, in foot and by bicycle Holidays Weather Schools, universities Advertising Opinions Shopping Taste</p>	<p>Abbreviations Linking words Gender (nouns, adjectives, possessives) Declension of adjectives, possessives & demonstratives in singular & plural Masculine nouns ending in -a Accusative case Case forms used in greetings Adjective & pronoun agreement with nouns Comparative & superlative Present tense Past tense Future tense Perfective & imperfective verbs Perfective past & future tenses Verbs ending in 'овать' O + prepositional case Using prepositions в, из, на and с</p>

Stage 1 (continued)	Elementary (continued)	Step 2	Moscow & St Petersburg The Russian soul Russian homes Illness, parts of the body Medical services Instruction, requesting, advising Letters Approximate time	Imperative mood Nominative, genitive, dative, instrumental & prepositional cases Prepositional case in -y Irregular past tenses Verbs of motion & prefixed verbs of motion Use of perfective & imperfective verbs Future tense Use of subjunctive & conditional 'To be ill' (болеть, заболеть) Use of который Expressions for 'must' and 'all' Choosing between что-то/ что-нибудь Use of 'who, 'which' который
Stage 2 (continued next page)	Lower Intermediate	Step 1	People's characters, family trees Interests, hobbies Superstitions & signs Traditions & customs Television Reading, literature Accommodation, furniture At the Hotel Food & Russian cuisine	Ordinal numbers Reflexive verbs Modal verbs The imperative mood Short forms or present & past participles Degrees of comparison: adjectives & adverbs Full & short forms of adjectives
		Step 2	Fashion, clothes Sport Art & theatre, ballet Russian holidays and festivals Habits, manners Food & Russian cuisine Tourism Music	Active & passive voice with transitive & intransitive verbs Verbs of motion Unprefixed &U prefixed verbs of motion compound & complex sentences Use свой Expressions of time

Stage 2 (continued)	Intermediate		Travelling Migration Shopping Cultural life in Russia Mass media and the Internet Theatre and Cinema The labour market Demography Health care in Russia Religion Siberia and ecological issues	Nominative, accusative and genitive plurals Questions with ли Prefixed verbs of motion Imperatives Numerals 40-1000 Partitive Genitive Russian equivalents of the verb 'to put' Choose b/w что-то and что-нибудь Comparatives and superlatives: adjectives and adverbs Use который Use себя The Conditional and Subjunctive Moods Declensions of cardinal numerals Sentence structure with то, что Conjunctions: explanatory, causal, comparative and temporal