

Russian Programmes in Canadian Universities and TORFL Levels

What does each level of language proficiency mean? How many class hours are required to achieve each level?

CEFR levels of language proficiency		TPKI (TORFL)	Total hours (approx.)	Comments on TPKI (TORFL) levels	
Basic User	A1	Breakthrough	Elementary	100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can be achieved by first and second year university students learning Russian outside a Russian-speaking environment. - A1 level certificate demonstrates that a student can satisfy his/her <i>elementary</i> communicative needs in a limited number of everyday situations and proves the competences of candidate for further language learning.
	A2	Waystage	Basic	160-200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can be achieved by university students in their third year of Russian studies outside a Russian-speaking environment. - A2 level certificate demonstrates that a student can satisfy his/her <i>basic</i> communicative needs in a limited number of situations in everyday and cultural spheres. It represents the minimum level required to obtain Russian citizenship.
Independent User	B1	Threshold	1st Certificate	440-460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can be achieved by fourth year university students who participated in Study Abroad programmes in addition to their course work in Canada. - B1 level certificate gives its holder permission to enroll at a Russian university.
	B2	Vantage	2nd Certificate	560-680	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is assumed that in addition to the hours of formal study some time will have been spent in a Russian-speaking environment. - B2 level certificate allows its holder to work in Russia in various fields (excluding the areas of philology, journalism, translation, editing, international relations and top management).
Proficient User	C1	Effective Operational Proficiency	3rd Certificate	1200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In addition to the hours of formal study a significant amount of time will have been spent in a Russian-speaking environment. - C1 level certificate allows its holder to work in Russia in all areas (as specialists with BA and MA degrees equivalents) and confirms a high level of proficiency in Russian.
	C2	Mastery	4th Certificate	1500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In addition to the hours of formal study a significant amount of time will have been spent in a Russian-speaking environment. - C2 level certificate allows its holder to work in Russia in all areas (including PhD degree equivalent in philology) and confirms near-native/native speaker proficiency.