The Balkan Studies graduate minor is designed for M.A. or Ph.D. students in other disciplines who desire to complement their degree program with interdisciplinary study of the Balkans. Students interested in pursuing the minor must have a minimum of two years of college-level study of a language of the region (e.g., Albanian, Bulgarian, modern Greek, Hungarian, Macedonian, Romani, Romanian, Serbian or Croatian, Slovene, Turkish, Yiddish). A program of study can be tailored to the needs and interests of the individual student in consultation with Center staff; for admission to the program contact the Center.

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or REES 550 Seminar in REEE Studies
Electives (4 hours at the 500 level) At least 8 graduate hours
that relate to the Balkans chosen from a list maintained
by REEEC and taken outside of the student’s enrolling
department.

Language Requirement: A minimum of two years college-level study of a language of the area or equivalent, including but not limited to Albanian, Bulgarian, modern Greek, Hungarian, Macedonian, Romani, Romanian, Serbian or Croatian, Slovene, Turkish, and Yiddish. For professional work in the region or scholarly research on area topics at least three years of relevant language study are recommended.

Students must also submit a research paper primarily on the region.

Total Hours 12

Other Requirements 1

Other requirements may overlap

A research paper primarily on the Balkans is required. Normally, this paper would be written in a research seminar in a disciplinary department. A master’s thesis or doctoral dissertation can be submitted in lieu of the research paper, if it deals primarily with the region. Students are encouraged to present their work in a public forum at the University, such as the REEEC Noontime Scholars lecture series.

In addition to the minor requirements, students must also complete the requirements of their major degree.

Hours counted toward completion of a minor may not also be applied toward any other transcripted credential.

1 For additional details and requirements refer to the department’s Graduate Programs (http://www.reeec.illinois.edu/students/grad) and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).