The International and Area Studies Library (http://www.library.uiuc.edu/spx) at the University of Illinois has one of the country’s three outstanding Slavic library collections. The Slavic Reference Service (http://www.library.illinois.edu/spx/srs.html) serves all faculty and students with expert bibliographers.

Language training is provided by the Department of Slavic Languages and Literature (http://www.slavic.illinois.edu) in:

- Bulgarian
- Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian
- Czech
- Polish
- Russian
- Ukrainian
- Old Church Slavonic

**Financial Aid**

Financial aid is awarded on an academic year basis. All fellowships and assistantships include a stipend plus tuition and service fee waiver. Qualified incoming students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents should also apply for U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships.

Qualified students may also be eligible to compete for other fellowships at the campus level. A limited number of graduate assistantships, which include a tuition and fee waiver, are also available to outstanding students. The Center offers a 50 percent graduate assistantship in the area of outreach; research assistantships are sometimes available through the Slavic and East European Library. Information on need-based financial aid may be obtained from the Graduate College Fellowships Office.

**Master of Arts in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies**

Electives outside of Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies should complement the student’s core courses, research, and professional interests. A master’s thesis or major research paper is required, to be based on research using primary sources, including sources in the language used to meet the competency requirement.

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Minimum 500-level Hours Required 12
Overall:

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• Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies Minor (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/russ-east-euro-studies/russian-east-european-eurasian-studies-minor)

• Balkan Studies Minor (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/russ-east-euro-studies/balkan-studies-minor)

Students within the REEES M.A. program cannot also pursue a graduate minor in the same field. For additional details and requirements refer to the department’s Graduate Programs (http://www.reeec.illinois.edu/students/minors) and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).

• Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, M.A. and Library and Information Science, M.S. (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/russ-east-euro-studies/ma-rees-ms-lis)