Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center

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 Major: Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies
Degrees offered: M.A.
Graduate Minors: Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies; Balkan Studies

Graduate Degree Programs

The Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center offers a two-year program of language and area studies courses leading to an interdisciplinary Master of Arts degree. The program is designed to meet the needs of students proceeding to disciplinary-based doctoral work and those planning non-academic professional careers with area expertise.

Admission

Prospective graduate students should have completed at least two years of Russian or another language of Eastern Europe or Eurasia. Applicants must submit the Graduate College application for admission, certified transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work, Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores (verbal, quantitative, and written), three letters of reference, and a writing sample. International students must submit Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores. All applicants must meet the requirements of the Graduate College. Admission is ordinarily in the fall semester, but occasional exceptions are made for spring and summer admission.

Faculty Research Interests

The faculty (http://www.reeec.illinois.edu/people/faculty) affiliated with the Center represent a broad range of interests and methodological approaches in the social sciences and the humanities, as well as the professional schools.

Facilities and Resources

The Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center was founded in 1959 and designated a National Resource Center by the U.S. Department of Education. It serves as an intellectual and institutional hub for the university community and the public through conferences, lectures, colloquia, visiting scholars, study groups, exhibits, films, and other activities.

The annual Summer Research Laboratory on Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia features special workshops, seminars, lectures, films, and other events, most of which are free and open to the public.

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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• 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).