

# RUSSIAN, EAST EUROPEAN, & EURASIAN STUDIES, MA AND LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE, MS

for the degrees of Master of Arts in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies & Master of Science in Library and Information Science

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## About the Joint Degree

This joint master's degree includes a program of language and area studies courses leading to an interdisciplinary Master of Arts degree in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, as well as a program of study leading to the Master of Science in Library and Information Science. The joint degree matches area expertise with professional education, and prepares students for professional careers in all types of information organizations, including libraries.

## Graduate Degree Programs in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies

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. Programs offered by the Center:

Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, MA (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/russian-east-european-urasian-studies-ma/>)

Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies Minor (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/minors/russian-east-european-urasian-studies/>)

Balkan Studies Minor (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/minors/balkan-studies/>)

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## 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 (<https://reeec.illinois.edu/people/groups/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 (<https://www.library.illinois.edu/ias/>) at the University of Illinois has one of the country's three outstanding Slavic library collections (<https://www.library.illinois.edu/ias/spx/>). The Slavic Reference Service (<https://www.library.illinois.edu/ias/spx/srs/>) serves all faculty and students with expert bibliographers.

Language training is provided by the Departments of Germanic Languages & Literatures (<https://germanic.illinois.edu/>), Linguistics (<https://linguistics.illinois.edu/>), and Slavic Languages & Literatures (<https://slavic.illinois.edu/>) in:

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

## Financial Aid

Financial aid is awarded on an academic-year basis. All fellowships and assistantships include a stipend plus tuition and fee waiver. Qualified incoming students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents should also apply for U.S. Department of Education Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships (<http://publish.illinois.edu/illinoisflas/>) offered through REEEC or other FLAS-granting campus centers.

Qualified students may also be eligible for other fellowships at the campus or departmental level. A limited number of teaching and graduate

assistantships, which include a tuition and fee waiver, may also be available to outstanding students through REEEC and other units. The Graduate College maintains a list of available assistantships (<https://grad.illinois.edu/clearinghouse/>); additional information on need-based financial aid may be obtained from the Graduate College Fellowships Office (<https://grad.illinois.edu/fellowships/about/>).

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Students in the joint degree must be registered in each program for at least one semester.

Minimum GPA: 3.25

The joint degree requires 56 credit hours divided between REEES and iSchool courses. 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. A minimum GPA of 3.25 must be maintained throughout in order to remain in good academic standing.

For additional details and requirements refer to the department's Graduate Programs (<https://reeec.illinois.edu/academics/ma-program/>) and the Graduate College Handbook (<http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook/>).

Code	Title	Hours
REES 550	Seminar in REEE Studies	4
IS 505	Information Organization and Access	4
IS 510	Libraries, Information and Society	4
IS 530	Collection Development (Section C: REEES Bibliography & Research Methods)	4

**Core courses in Russian, East European, or Eurasian Studies, including the thesis option. 24**

These credits must be earned in at least three different disciplines outside of REEES, with at least one course at the 500-level in addition to the thesis. Hours for the thesis, REES 599, may be included up to a maximum of 8; these hours cannot be counted towards the IS electives described below.

**Elective IS courses, at least 12 hours of which must be at the 500-level. 16-18**

These credits should be selected in consultation with an advisor who is a member of the iSchool faculty.

Electives may include:

IS 585	Bibliographic Metadata
IS 591	Advanced Topics in Information Services
IS 592	Advanced Topics In Information Organizations

**Total Credit Hours: 56**

### Other Requirements

Requirement	Description
Language Requirement:	Third-year competency in Russian or another language of Eastern Europe or Eurasia. Credit hours from language courses do not count towards the degree.