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-eurasian-studies-ma)
- Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies Minor (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/minors/russian-east-european-eurasian-studies)
- Balkan Studies Minor (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/minors/balkan-studies)
- Joint Degree in Russian, East European, & Eurasian Studies, MA and Library & Information Science, MS (p. 1)

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 awarded.

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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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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).

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<td>REES 550</td>
<td>Seminar in REEE Studies</td>
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<td>Collection Development (Section C: REEES Bibliography &amp; Research Methods)</td>
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Core courses in Russian, East European, or Eurasian Studies, including the thesis option.

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.

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

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<td>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.</td>
<td>Students in the joint degree must be registered in each program for at least one semester.</td>
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<td>Minimum GPA:</td>
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