RUSSIAN, EAST EUROPEAN, AND EURASIAN STUDIES, MA

for the degree of Master of Arts in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies

The Master of Arts in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (REEES) is a two-year program designed to prepare students for further academic study in a particular discipline or for careers in government, NGOs, business, the media, international law, private foundations, or cultural exchanges. The program provides broad exposure to the history, cultures, societies, and politics of the area as well as to the variety of disciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches to its study. For individuals planning non-academic careers, such study is essential in preparing to respond to the growing opportunities and challenges presented by this region. The program also provides students pursuing academic careers with necessary language skills, disciplinary exploration, and an expanded knowledge base about the REEE region.

By the end of our program, students will have:

1. An advanced understanding of the REEE region achieved through analyzing original scholarship and primary sources (or data) from Russia, East Europe, and Eurasia.
2. An interdisciplinary perspective on the REEES field achieved through required coursework in at least three disciplines, together with exposure to pertinent approaches, paradigms, forms of data and their interpretation, and regional issues and content.
3. An ability to begin to engage with REEES scholarship, cultures, and communities by achieving an intermediate-high proficiency (third-year competency) in at least one regional language.
4. Advanced research skills developed through expert rigorous regional bibliographic and research training.
5. Essential analytical writing skills developed through the production of a thesis or other extensive original research work mentored by a faculty expert.

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