

# RUSSIAN, EAST EUROPEAN AND EURASIAN STUDIES

Courses offered by the Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies are listed under the subject code REES on the Stanford Bulletin's ExploreCourses web site.

The Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies (CREEES) coordinates the University's teaching, research, and extracurricular activities related to Russia, Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and the Caucasus and administers a one-year interdisciplinary M.A. graduate degree program. Information on the center's degree programs and other activities is available at the CREEES (<http://CREEES.stanford.edu>) web site. CREEES and its degree programs are directed by the CREEES Steering Committee, composed of faculty members associated with the Center. The program draws on the strengths of nationally recognized area faculty and research affiliates and significant library and archival collections at Stanford. The Center is a U.S. Department of Education Title VI National Resource Center for Russia, East Europe, and Eurasia.

## Undergraduate Programs in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies

Students interested in a minor should consult the Director of Undergraduate Studies in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures which offers the following relevant minors:

- Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies
- Russian Language
- Russian Language, Literature and Culture
- Russian Culture

## Slavic Theme House

Slavianskii Dom (SlavDom), at 650 Mayfield Avenue, is an undergraduate residence which houses 50 students and offers a wide variety of opportunities to expand knowledge, understanding and appreciation of Russia and the nations of East Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia.

## Overseas Studies Programs

Undergraduates interested in the study of languages, history, culture and social organization of the countries of Russia, Eurasia and East Europe may apply to study at the Stanford centers in Istanbul and Berlin. Information about these programs is available at the Bing Overseas Studies Program (<http://bossp.stanford.edu>) at web site.

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

The center offers an M.A. in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies, a coterminal M.A. in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies, and a joint M.A./J.D. in conjunction with the Stanford Law School.

## Learning Outcomes (Graduate)

The purpose of the master's program and the joint M.A./J.D. program is to further develop knowledge and skills in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies and to prepare students for a professional career or doctoral studies. This is achieved through completion of courses, in the primary field as well as related areas, and experience with independent work and specialization.

## Financial Aid

Subject to funding, CREEES may have a limited number of Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships for U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Additional financial aid may also be available from CREEES. Applicants to the M.A. program have priority in the annual FLAS competition; in recent years CREEES has also awarded FLAS fellowships to students enrolled in the School of Education and the School of Law. Consult the CREEES associate director for further information about the application and award process. Applications for FLAS fellowships can be obtained at the CREEES (<http://CREEES.stanford.edu/grants>) web site.

## Doctoral Programs

Since the University does not offer a Ph.D. in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies, students wishing to pursue a REEES-related doctoral program must apply to one of the departments offering a Ph.D. with an emphasis on Russia, Eurasia, or Eastern Europe, such as the departments of History, Anthropology, Political Science, or Slavic Languages and Literatures.

## Undergraduate Minor in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies

Students interested in a minor should consult the "Minors in Slavic Languages and Literatures (<http://exploreddegrees.stanford.edu/schoolofhumanitiesandsciences/slaviclanguagesandliteratures/#minortext>)" section of this bulletin which describes the following relevant minors:

- Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies
- Russian Language
- Russian Language, Literature, and Culture
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## Master of Arts in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies

CREEES offers a one-year interdisciplinary master's degree program in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies for students with a strong prior language and area studies background.

The program structure allows students the flexibility to pursue their particular academic interests, while providing intellectual cohesion through a required core curriculum that addresses historical and contemporary processes of change in the Russian Federation, Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and Central Asia.

The core curriculum consists of three courses (one each quarter) and the REES 200 Current Issues in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies seminar series. The program may be taken separately or coterminal with a bachelor's degree program.

The interdisciplinary M.A. program typically serves three types of students:

1. Those who intend to apply to a Ph.D. program involving Russian, East European and Eurasian studies and who need to enhance their academic skills and credentials
2. Those who intend to pursue careers and/or advanced degrees in such fields as journalism, education, business, government, law, or medicine, and who wish to establish competence in Russian, East European and Eurasian studies.
3. Those who are mid-career professionals and/or students interested in gaining competence or continuing their interest in and wish to gain competence in Russian, East European and Eurasian studies.

## Advising

The advising structure is two-tiered: each M.A. candidate works with the CREEES associate director who advises on the program of course work and monitors the student's progress toward completing the degree. Candidates are also assigned a faculty adviser from the Academic Council faculty, who provides intellectual and academic guidance.

## Admission

Applicants apply electronically; see the Office of Graduate Admissions (<http://gradadmissions.stanford.edu>) web site for a link to the electronic application and general information regarding graduate admission. In addition, prospective applicants may consult with the CREEES associate director regarding the application process.

To qualify for admission to the program, the following apply:

1. Applicants must have earned a B.A. or B.S. degree, or the equivalent.
2. At least three years of college-level language study in Russian, an East European or Central Asian language is preferred. Candidates with fewer years of area language study will be considered.
3. A one-page statement of purpose that explains how the program would advance the applicant's academic or career goals.
4. Applicants must include the following additional materials in their online application: a writing sample of 20 pages or less in English on an academic topic in Russian, East European, or Eurasian studies and a resume of college-level courses taken that are relevant to Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies, including language courses, with self-reported final grades. These additional materials may be uploaded as "Additional Materials" in a single file along with the application.
5. Applicants must send official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended to CREEES.
6. All applicants must take the General Test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and have the results sent to Graduate Admissions, Office of the University Registrar.
7. Applicants whose native language is not English and do not possess a U.S. bachelor's degree are expected to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and have the results sent to Graduate Admissions, Office of the University Registrar.

The deadline for submission of applications for admission and for financial aid is January 5, 2016. Admission is normally granted for Autumn quarter, but requests for exceptions are considered.

The successful applicant generally demonstrates the following strengths: requisite foreign language study, significant course work in Russian, East European and Eurasian studies in multiple disciplines, outstanding grades in previous academic work, strong analytical writing skills, high GRE scores (particularly verbal and analytical writing), study or work experience in the region, strong letters of recommendation from faculty members in the Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies field (one letter may be from a language instructor), and a persuasive statement of purpose explaining how the program would advance the applicant's academic and career goals.

## Degree Requirements

Candidates for the M.A. degree must meet University requirements for an M.A. degree as described in the "Graduate Degrees (<http://exploreddegrees.stanford.edu/graduatedegrees>)" section of this bulletin.

The M.A. program in REEES can ordinarily be completed in one academic year by a well-prepared student; longer periods of study are permitted.

Requirements to complete the interdisciplinary M.A. degree are principally ones of distribution, with the exception of three required core courses and a core seminar, as described below. Each student, with the

advice of the CREEES associate director, selects courses according to the student's interests, needs, and goals.

All students in the M.A. REEES program must complete a minimum of 48 academic credit units within the following guidelines.

1. *Core Courses:* Students must complete the following 3 core courses during the 2015-16 academic year for 5 units each: REES 301B History and Politics in Russian and Eastern European Cinema during Autumn Quarter (5 units), HISTORY 424A The Soviet Civilization during Winter quarter (5 units), and *either* SLAVIC 218 Modernist Journeys also in Winter Quarter or REES 313 Transformation of Socialist Societies during Spring Quarter (5 units).
2. *Core Seminar Series:* REES 200 Current Issues in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies is required of all students in the M.A. program in Autumn and Winter quarters (2 units total). The goal of this seminar series is to survey current methodological and substantive issues in Russian, East European and Eurasian studies, acquaint students with Stanford resources and faculty, and present professional development and career options.
3. *Interdisciplinary Course Work:* All courses (other than language courses and approved activity courses) must be taken on the graduate level (200-level or higher). Courses in Russian, East European and Eurasian studies must be completed and distributed among at least three disciplines. All course work applied to the 48-unit minimum must deal primarily with Russian, Eurasian, or East European studies.
4. *Language Study:* Students in the program are encouraged to study Russian, an East European or Central Asian language, or a language from the Caucasus. Credit towards the 48-unit minimum (maximum 4 units per quarter, 12 units total) is allowed for advanced language work.
5. Course work qualifying for the 48-unit minimum must have a letter grade of 'B' or higher. ('B-' does not count for degree credit, nor does 'CR'). Students may apply a maximum of three units of course work with a final grade of 'S' to the 48-unit minimum. 'S' units counting towards the 48-unit minimum must be approved by the CREEES associate director.
6. All courses counting towards the 48-unit minimum must be approved by the CREEES associate director, who ensures that planned course work satisfies requirements towards the degree. The CREEES director and steering committee determine the requirements. The list of pre-approved courses for the current academic year appears below. Students can petition to have courses that do not appear on this list counted towards the degree.
7. *Capstone Requirement:* Students must complete a capstone project (research paper and/or research presentation) in consultation with a faculty advisor, the CREEES director and associate director. Students will enroll in REES 300 MA Capstone Seminar for 1 unit in Spring Quarter.

### Pre-approved courses for 2015-16

The following courses are those that have been pre-approved to satisfy the M.A. interdisciplinary course work requirement for 2015-16. Students may choose from:

		Units
HISTORY 301A	The Global Drug Wars	4-5
HISTORY 320G	Demons, Witches, Old Believers, Holy Fools, and Folk Belief: Popular Religion in Russia	4-5
HISTORY 302G	Peoples, Armies and Governments of the Second World War	4-5
HISTORY 306E/ POLISCI 316	International History and International Relations Theory	5
HISTORY 304G	War and Society	5
HISTORY 307E	Totalitarianism	4-5
HISTORY 324C	Genocide and Humanitarian Intervention	3

HISTORY 326E	Famine in the Modern World	3
HISTORY 327	East European Women and War in the 20th Century	4-5
HISTORY 330F	Surveillance in Modern Europe	4-5
HISTORY 424A	The Soviet Civilization	4-5
HISTORY 424B	The Soviet Civilization, Part 2	4-5
IPS 210	The Politics of International Humanitarian Action	3-5
ME 421	European Entrepreneurship and Innovation Thought Leaders Seminar	1
MSE 293	Technology and National Security	3
LINGUIST 173	The Structure of Russian	2-4
REES 200	Current Issues in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies	1-2
REES 208C/ ARTHIST 408C	Architecture, Acoustics and Ritual in Byzantium	1-3
REES 209	Democratic Transition in Ukraine: Values, Political Culture, Conflicts	3-5
REES/HISTORY 224A	The Soviet Civilization	4-5
REES 231	Russia, the West and the Rest	4
REES 301B	History and Politics in Russian and Eastern European Cinema	5
REES 313	Transformation of Socialist Societies	3-5
REES 320	State and Nation Building in Central Asia	5
SLAVIC 218	Modernist Journeys	2-4
SLAVIC 224	The Russian Postmodern Text	2-4
SLAVIC 230	18th Century Russian Literature	5
SLAVIC 245	Slavic Literary Theory: Formalism Structuralism Semiotics, Formalism and Structuralism	2-4
SLAVIC 285	Cinematograph	3-5
SLAVIC 300B	Research Tools and Professionalization Workshop	1
SLAVIC 329	Russian Versification: History and Theory	3-4
SLAVIC 345	Survey of Russian Literature: The Age of Experiment	3-5
SLAVIC 346	The Great Russian Novel: Tolstoy and Dostoevsky	3-5
SLAVIC 348	Dissent and Disenchantment: Russian Literature and Culture since the Death of Stalin	3-5
SLAVIC 356	Nabokov in the Transnational Context	3-5
SLAVIC 370	Pushkin	2
SLAVIC 388/ HISTORY 224A	20th century Russian Poetry: From Aleksandr Blok to Joseph Brodsky	3-5
SLAVIC 395	Russian and East European Theater	3-5

This list of courses may be updated as relevant courses are offered.

Courses not appearing on this list may be counted towards the M.A. by special arrangement with the instructor and the CREEES associate director.

A description of the M.A. program is also available on the web at the CREEES (<https://creees.stanford.edu/content/ma-program>) web site and by request from the Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies.

## Coterminal Master's Program in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies

To qualify for a coterminal M.A. degree in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, besides completing University requirements for the B.A. degree, a student must:

1. Submit the Application for Admission to Coterminal Masters' Program (<https://stanford.box.com/CotermApplic>) for admission to the program by the CREEES M.A. admission deadline.
2. Include in the application a proposal which outlines, by quarter, the schedule of courses the student plans to complete toward the M.A. degree. The student should seek the advice of the CREEES associate director in drafting this schedule. The application also should include:
  - a. a current Stanford transcript
  - b. a one-page statement of purpose
  - c. three letters of recommendation from Stanford faculty (one may be from a language instructor)
  - d. a writing sample of 20 pages or less in English on an academic topic in Russian, East European, or Eurasian Studies
3. Applicants must have a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 (B). Coterminal applicants must take the general test of the Graduate Record Examination and have the results sent to Graduate Admissions, Office of the University Registrar.
4. Complete 15 full-time quarters or the equivalent, or three quarters in full-time residence after completing 180 units; and complete, in addition to the 180 units required for the bachelor's degree, a minimum of 48 units for the master's degree.

### University Coterminal Requirements

Coterminal master's degree candidates are expected to complete all master's degree requirements as described in this bulletin. University requirements for the coterminal master's degree are described in the "Coterminal Master's Program (<http://exploreddegrees.stanford.edu/cotermdegrees>)" section. University requirements for the master's degree are described in the "Graduate Degrees (<http://exploreddegrees.stanford.edu/graduatedegrees/#masterstext>)" section of this bulletin.

After accepting admission to this coterminal master's degree program, students may request transfer of courses from the undergraduate to the graduate career to satisfy requirements for the master's degree. Transfer of courses to the graduate career requires review and approval of both the undergraduate and graduate programs on a case by case basis.

In this master's program, courses taken three quarters prior to the first graduate quarter, or later, are eligible for consideration for transfer to the graduate career. No courses taken prior to the first quarter of the sophomore year may be used to meet master's degree requirements.

Course transfers are not possible after the bachelor's degree has been conferred.

The University requires that the graduate adviser be assigned in the student's first graduate quarter even though the undergraduate career may still be open. The University also requires that the Master's Degree Program Proposal be completed by the student and approved by the department by the end of the student's first graduate quarter.

## Joint Degree Program in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies

The joint degree program in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies and Law allows students to pursue the M.A. degree in REES concurrently with the Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) degree, with a significant number of courses that may apply to both degrees. It is designed to train students interested in a career in teaching, research, or the practice of law related to REES legal affairs. Students must apply separately to the REES M.A. program and to the Stanford School of Law and be accepted by both. Completing this combined course of study requires approximately four academic years, depending on the student's background and level of language training. For more information, see the Joint Degree Programs (<http://exploreddegrees.stanford.edu/graduatedegrees/#jointdegreestext>) section of this bulletin and the

Stanford Law School (<http://www.law.stanford.edu>)'s website. Students who have been accepted by both programs should consult with the departments to determine which courses can be double-counted.

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