

Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies

Master of Arts

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Facilities for Graduate Work

The University Libraries contain about 80,000 volumes and excellent supporting material on Russia and Eastern Europe. The Harry Ransom Center holds important original documents, including the Alexander Kerensky papers and collections on Soviet history and literature. The Population Research Center houses extensive census data for Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, dating back to the Russian census of 1897. The Audio Visual Library in the Fine Arts Library has several hundred films and video recordings from Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia. The Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library and Archive holds millions of pages of state documents, many of which relate to Cold War diplomacy, arms control, East-West trade, and major historical events like the 1968 Prague Spring.

The Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies Resource Center houses about 500 books and journals on the region, as well as audio and video recordings. More than 60 faculty members regularly teach courses dealing with Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia.

Areas of Study

The Master of Arts in Russian, East European, and Eurasian studies is a two-year, multidisciplinary program that offers advanced scholarly training for students who seek integrated knowledge of the language, history, society, and culture of the former Soviet Union and Eastern/Central/Southeast Europe, or one or more of their subareas. The program is designed for students preparing for careers in the professions and for those seeking an intermediate, interdisciplinary master's degree before pursuing a doctorate in a particular discipline. Within the requirements of the program, students may choose an individual course of study to meet their needs, with a broader choice of courses than is possible in a traditional disciplinary master's degree program.

The program of study may involve work in any of the following academic disciplines: anthropology; architecture; art history; business; comparative literature; economics; European studies; geography; government; history; law; linguistics; Middle Eastern studies; music; philosophy; public affairs; radio-television-film; Russian, East European and Eurasian studies; and sociology.

Candidates for the degree are expected to acquire extensive knowledge of the country or countries of their specialization, as well as working competence in one of the region's languages.

Graduate Studies Committee

The following faculty members served on the Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) in the spring 2025 semester.

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Admission Requirements

Applicants must have a bachelor's degree in any field from an accredited college or university. Preferred qualifications include significant course work on and/or professional experience in the former Soviet Union or East/Central/Southeast Europe, and/or intermediate low proficiency in at least one of the languages spoken in the region.