Curriculum map

Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies

Learning outcomes (LOs): Having completed a major in REEES, a student will be able to attain:

- 1. Proficiency in reading, writing, and speaking Russian consistent with completion of at least a third-year level
- 2. A broad general understanding of the region of Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia including its history and culture
- 3. More specialized competency in the field of concentration consistent with the disciplinary expectations of the chosen field
- 4. The ability to complete a substantial research paper in the field of concentration based on consultation of primary material in the target language

Key: I = introduces outcome; D = develops outcome; A = assesses mastery of outcome

Course(s)	Language Courses	LO 1	LO 2	LO 3	LO 4	LO 5	LO 6
RUSS 101-2-3	First-year Russian	I					
RUSS 201-2-3	Second-year Russian	D					
RUSS 316-17-18	Third-year Russian	D					
RUSS 436	Fourth-year Russian (topic changes)	D		DA			
	Culture Courses						
RUSS 240	Russian Culture		ID				
RUSS 309	Russian Theater		ID				
REL 325-5	History of Eastern Christianity		ID				
MUS 453	Folk Music of the Balkans		ID				
	Russian Literature						
RUSS 331	Russian Short Story		ID				
RUSS 334	Dostoevsky			ID			
RUSS 335	Tolstoy			ID			
RUSS 340	Women and Russian Literature			ID			
RUSS 351	Russian Literature and Film			ID			
RUSS 410	Experimental (Nabokov, etc.)			DA	DA		
RUSS 426	Classics of Poetry – topic changes			DA	DA		
RUSS 434	Russian Literature – topic changes			DA	DA		
	Slavic Linguistics						
RUSS 444	Slavic Linguistics – topic changes				DA		_
RUSS 445	Old Church Slavonic				DA		
REES 315	Politics of Language				IDA		

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Course(s)	History	LO 1	LO 2	LO 3	LO 4	LO 5	LO 6
HIST 245	Russia, America, and the World		I				
HIST 345, -6,-7	Early Russia, Imperial, Soviet Union and Contemporary Russia		ID	IDA			
HIST 445-6	Topics in Russian history		D	DA	DA		
HIST 407	Research Seminar			D	DA		
HIST 428	Eastern Europe		ID	ID			
HIST 451	Cold War		ID	ID			
	Contemporary Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia						
REES 410	Post-Soviet Russia and Eastern Europe		ID	IDA			
GEOG 204	Geography of Russia and its Neighbors		I				
ANTH 430	Balkan Society and Folklore		D	DA	DA		
ANTH 429	Jewish Folkore and Ethnology		ID	DA	DA		
PS 388	Mafia and Corruption in Russia		ID	ID			
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Learning outcomes explanations

REEES

REEES is an interdisciplinary program that promotes the study of Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia in a broad multidisciplinary context. At the core of the program is the study of the Russian language, which is available through the fourth/fifth-year level (in an advanced topics format) and is required of all majors and minors through the third year. This requirement ensures that students will achieve the first learning outcome, proficiency in Russian. The third and fourth learning outcomes are connected to the requirement that students pursue a concentration in one of the following tracks: Russian language, Russian literature, Slavic linguistics, Russian and East European history, and contemporary Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia. A concentration in the major consists of four upper-division courses, two of which must be at the 400-level, so that they will have the skills to undertake independent research in that area. As a form of assessment, each undergraduate major must submit a substantial research paper consistent with the expectations of the field of concentration as a capstone project. Ordinarily, these papers involve Russian-language research, and thus draw together the two principal aspects of the major. Finally, undergraduate majors take 24 credits of electives (at least 12 upper-division credits) drawn primarily from subjects outside their concentration. This is intended to enable students to embed the specific expertise they have gained from their concentration in a broader knowledge of the cultures, languages, histories, and contemporary experience of Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia, as specified in the second learning outcome.

General Education offerings

REEES

As an interdisciplinary program, REEES relies heavily on courses taught in other departments. Many of these courses, such as HIST 245, 345, 346, and 347, GEOG 204, or REL 325 and 326, satisfy general education requirements. Within REEES, most courses that satisfy general education requirements come under the RUSS prefix and are in the areas of language, literature, and culture, i.e. Arts & Letters. Although several courses in other departments used to fulfill requirements of the REES major are classed under Social Science, only one group-satisfying course offered directly under the REES prefix, REES 315, Politics of Language, which examines language policies in three Eastern European cases, falls under the Social Sciences group. Arts & Letters courses included second- and third-year Russian; Russian Culture; and Russian literature courses at the 200 and 300 levels. In addition, since RUSS/REES courses by definition focus on Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia, they generally fulfill the International Cultures component of the multicultural requirement.