GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN RUSSIAN, EAST EUROPEAN & EURASIAN STUDIES

Deepen your understanding of a world region that spans Europe and Asia, where shifting identities and political boundaries are complicated by control of energy resources, EU/NATO affiliations, and the Cold War legacy.

The graduate Certificate in Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies (REEES) is crafted to allow students in any field—from sciences and professional disciplines to languages and other liberal arts—to enhance their program of study without extra tuition cost and usually with no increase in their overall course load. It integrates language study with study of the region where the language is spoken.

Who Should Participate? Students who:

- Study a foreign language
- Seek an in-depth grasp of the region
- Wish to understand and experience cross-cultural differences
- Seek exposure to new ideas and philosophies

The Center for Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies

- Facilitates a critical and comprehensive understanding of this region and its people
- Helps students grasp the region’s internal dynamics and its evolving place in the world
- Provides an intellectual community for students and faculty studying all aspects of the region
- Offers FLAS fellowships and scholarships

Admissions Process

All Pitt graduate students are eligible. Formal admission is possible at any point. Interested students should seek advising and admission early in their degree programs to ensure requirements are completed in a timely manner.
Academic Requirements

The graduate Certificate in REEES may be earned in conjunction with most master's and doctoral programs in the School of Arts & Sciences and a number of professional schools. Requirements include three components:

1. Language Proficiency
   Three years of college-level study of a REEES language or demonstrated equivalent proficiency.

2. REEES Courses
   Two REEES-approved courses in your major department or professional school, if available, and at least four REEES-approved courses in two or more additional departments or schools.

3. Digital Portfolio
   Students will produce a digital portfolio that includes research, work/internship experiences, study abroad, extra-curricular activities, and exceptional coursework to highlight expertise in REEES.

Courses for the Certificate

Courses for the certificate are offered by most humanities and social science departments in the Dietrich School of Arts & Sciences and some professional schools. A comprehensive list of approved courses is available prior to each academic registration period on the REEES website.

Study Abroad

Study abroad is not required for the Certificate, but it is highly recommended and encouraged. REEES offers a limited number of competitive scholarships to help fund overseas programs.

Summer Language Institute

The Summer Language Institute offers an entire year's worth of language instruction in just six to ten weeks during summer. All students are eligible for full or partial scholarships.