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.

About the Center for Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies

The Center for Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies (REEES) is an interdisciplinary center focused on Central and Eastern Europe and the successor states of the Soviet Union. As a Title VI National Resource Center funded by the U.S. Department of Education, REEES plays a critical role in promoting regionally focused scholarship and teaching on Pitt’s campus and raising knowledge and awareness about our part of the world among wider communities in the Pittsburgh area and beyond.

REEES-affiliated faculty come from the humanities, social sciences, and professional schools such as law, business, education, public health, public and international affairs, and engineering. REEES also develops and supports student programs focused on foreign language acquisition, cultural immersion, and interdisciplinary area studies certificates to complement traditional disciplinary degrees. Looking beyond Pitt, our numerous domestic and international partner institutions and associates provide additional resources to help support study abroad programs, visiting scholars, and other activities.

Eastern Europe and Eurasia remains a varied and dynamic region with a challenging and exciting future. We invite you to explore our programs and contact us. Aside from a shared interest in the region, our staff and affiliated faculty offer a wealth of experience and insight that is available as you pursue your own projects, degrees, and scholarly endeavors. We look forward to working with you.
Program Summary
REEES Graduate and Undergraduate Certificates are interdisciplinary credentials that combine foreign language training and multidisciplinary area studies courses. Through this stimulating program, students develop a broad understanding of the historical and cultural processes shaping states and societies in Eastern Europe, Russia, and Eurasia. Additional benefits include: enhanced career opportunities, specialized advising, access to scholarships and FLAS fellowships, and study abroad opportunities. Students may also participate in various clubs, the Undergraduate Research Symposium, and the Graduate Organization for the Study of Europe and Central Asia, which hosts an international conference each spring.

In collaboration with the Asian Studies Center, REEES leads the Central Eurasia Initiative, which furthers Pitt’s significant academic programming focused on this vast and diverse region and strengthens interdisciplinary engagement among Pitt faculty and students across the humanities, social sciences, and pre-professional programs in business and engineering.

REEES also hosts and supports programs and events throughout the year, such as Sean’s Russia Blog and speaker series, the Russian Film Festival, and Project GO.

Engagement
As a National Resource Center, REEES’s Engagement Program links in-reach and outreach efforts to promote research on and raise awareness about our world region. Engagement programs are offered throughout the year and provide opportunities for Pitt faculty and students to connect with K-16 educators and students, the professional community, and the general public. This program offers teachers’ professional development workshops, faculty development seminars, curriculum development projects, STARTALK, the East European Festival, and free educational resources.