



UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN RUSSIAN, EAST EUROPEAN & EURASIAN STUDIES

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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 undergraduate **Certificate in Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies (REEES)** is an interdisciplinary credential that appears on a transcript and complements major and minor studies. It is crafted to allow students in any major to enhance their program of study without extra tuition cost and usually with no increase in their overall course load. The Certificate integrates language study with the study of the region where the language is spoken.

Who Should Participate? Students who:

- Study a foreign language;
- Seek an in-depth grasp of a 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 the world 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 world;
- Offers FLAS fellowships and other scholarships.

Admissions Process

All Pitt undergraduate 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

Certificate requirements have three components: language proficiency, area studies courses, and a digital portfolio. Some Certificate requirements are met with general education credits, courses from study abroad, transfer credits, and electives.

1. Language Proficiency

A student must complete a minimum of two years of college-level study (four semesters) of a language of the former Soviet Union, East/Central Europe, or Central Asia.

2. REEES Courses

15 credits in non-language REEES courses are required. Courses must be taken in at least three different departments. Up to two courses may be taken in the student's major department. Students must achieve an overall average GPA of 3.0 on this coursework.

3. Digital Portfolio

Students will produce a digital portfolio that will include 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 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.

Related Concentration in European and Eurasian Studies

Pre-professional students and others who wish to broaden their international experience while minimizing language requirements may be interested in the Related Concentration in European and Eurasian Studies. Contact the REEES advisor for more information.

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