

ADMISSION

Admission to the University is sought through the School of Arts and Sciences or College of General Studies Office of Admissions and Financial Aid. Application to the REEES Certificate program is made once the student is in residence. Undergraduates are strongly encouraged to visit the Center for Russian and East European Studies during their freshman year and apply for admission to the Certificate program no later than their sophomore year.

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INTRODUCTION

REEES is one of a select few National Resource Centers for Russian and East European Studies funded by the US Department of Education. REEES has 68 affiliated faculty members, and has programs with 14 arts and sciences departments and five professional schools. Our many areas of focus include subjects such as the transformations of post-communist societies, history, foreign policy and international relations, anthropology, music, and contemporary culture and literatures. Recognizing that regional boundaries are constantly contested and redefined, our geographic scope includes Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, the Baltic states, Central Asia and the Caucasus, the Western Balkans, Poland, Hungary, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Romania, Bulgaria, Moldova and Turkey.

UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

REEES offers a Certificate in Russian and East European Studies, which may be earned in conjunction with any major on campus. Requirements include:

- Five REEES-related area studies (non-language) courses (15 credits) in at least three departments, including up to two courses in the student's major department (if available), with the remaining courses in at least two departments other than the student's major department;
- Two years of college-level study of a language of the former Soviet Union or East/Central Europe, or demonstration of equivalent proficiency;
- Capstone project on a topic related to the REEES world area, which must 1) total at least 10 double-spaced pages and 2) receive a grade of B or higher;
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 in REEES-related courses.

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY REEES

- Individual Academic and Career Counseling
- Intensive Summer Language Courses
- Weekly Lecture Series
- Film and Ethnic Festivals
- Large Library Holdings, including Journal and Video Collections
- REESWeb Virtual Library
- Undergraduate Research Symposium

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE REEES CERTIFICATE

- Teaching/Educational Administration
- Government or Military
- Non-Governmental Organizations
- International Organizations
- Private Sector/International Business
- Public Administration/Law

STUDY ABROAD

REEES offers short-term and semester study abroad opportunities through Pitt and affiliated programs in Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia and Turkey. We can also direct students to various programs in our world region sponsored by other organizations.

LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION

The University of Pittsburgh offers regular training in **Russian, Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Hungarian, Modern Greek, Old Church Slavonic, Polish, Slovak, Turkish, and Ukrainian**. Each year the Slavic Department and REEES sponsor the Summer Language Institute. An eight-week intensive program in Russian is offered at the beginning, intermediate, advanced, and fourth-year levels. Six-week programs are also offered in beginning, intermediate, and/or advanced Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Bulgarian, Czech, Estonian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Hungarian, Polish, Slovak and Ukrainian. There are options to spend a portion of the summer language program studying abroad in Moscow, Poland, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia or Montenegro. **Scholarships are available for the Summer Language Institute.**

TRENDS

The REEES Certificate helps students to gain more academic and pre-professional skills. Many recent undergraduate REEES Certificate recipients have continued with graduate studies. Others have found employment in the private and non-profit sectors, US and foreign governments, international organizations, and K-12 and higher education.

SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

- Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships
- Nationality Room Scholarships for Summer Abroad
- REEES Summer Study Abroad Awards
- Work-Study Scholarships and Paid Internships
- Study Abroad Office Scholarships
- Susan M. Hicks Memorial Scholarship for study abroad