

# RUSSIAN, EAST EUROPEAN AND CENTRAL ASIAN STUDIES, MA

The master of arts degree program in Russian, East European and Central Asian studies provides interdisciplinary area studies training for emerging professionals and future leaders in business, development, government, journalism, law, publishing, and the military. The curriculum is designed to promote a broad understanding of the cultural, political, economic, social, and historical factors that have shaped the development of societies in Eurasia, Russia, and Central and Eastern Europe; mastery in Russian, East European, or Central Asian languages at a level necessary for doing advanced research on and professional work in the region; and knowledge of methodological and analytical approaches of different disciplines that will contribute to a better understanding of the region and will prepare students for conducting advanced research. The program requires both area studies and language training.

The MA program is designed to be completed in three semesters, but motivated students who enter with prior language study and commit to intensive summer coursework have the option of completing the course of study within 12 calendar months. Students will work closely with the MA advisor, who serves as their primary graduate studies advisor, to ensure that their course of study is both coherent and sufficiently interdisciplinary.

## ADMISSIONS

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Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. **Applicants must meet the minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) of the Graduate School as well as the program(s).** Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>).

Requirements	Detail
Fall Deadline	January 8
Spring Deadline	The program does not admit in the spring.
Summer Deadline	The program does not admit in the summer.
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	Not required but may be considered if available.
English Proficiency Test	Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Requirements for Admission policy: <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241</a> ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/</a> ).
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)	n/a

Letters of Recommendation Required 3

Students entering the master's program must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution and provide evidence of academic achievement and intellectual ability, including a minimum total grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) and a 3.4 in related area courses and letters of recommendation. There is no minimum admission requirement for language, but students are strongly advised to complete two years of area language study before entering the program.

Applicants for admission to the MA degree program in Russian, East European and Central Asian studies should submit an online application.

The following materials are required:

- Statement of purpose
- Official transcripts from all postsecondary institutions attended
- Three letters of recommendation
- Language questionnaire

## FUNDING

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#### GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES

[The Bursar's Office provides information about tuition and fees associated with being a graduate student. Resources to help you afford graduate study might include assistantships, fellowships, traineeships, and financial aid. Further funding information is available from the Graduate School.](#)

Be sure to check with your program for individual policies and restrictions related to funding.

#### PROGRAM RESOURCES

Each year, a faculty committee selects a limited number of deserving graduate students (in any field of study) for Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships. Applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States and must demonstrate their commitment to the study of a language of Russia, Eastern Europe, or Central Asia, and to related area studies topics. Applications and supporting materials for the FLAS fellowship competition must be submitted by approximately February 15 each year. For more information and an application, see Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships (<http://flas.wisc.edu/>).

Students interested in studying Polish may be eligible to apply for a Michael and Emily Lapinski fellowship (<https://gns.wisc.edu/lapinski-scholarship/>). The annual deadline is March 1. Please contact the Slavic program for more information.

CREECA also nominates eligible incoming graduate students in its MA program for the Advanced Opportunity Fellowship (for targeted students). To be considered for university funding, all application materials must be received by the early January deadline indicated on the CREECA MA application form.

A limited number of teaching assistantships and project assistantships may be available in CREECA and in specific departments that offer high-enrollment courses on REECAS. Information about these assistantships can be obtained by writing or calling CREECA and the respective departments. In addition to these opportunities, other fellowships and

financial assistance are available outside CREECA. For further information, incoming graduate students should write directly to the appropriate department or organization.

## REQUIREMENTS

### MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum degree requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#requirementstext>) and policies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiestext>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

### MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

#### MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	Yes

#### Mode of Instruction Definitions

**Accelerated:** Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

**Evening/Weekend:** Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

**Face-to-Face:** Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW–Madison Campus.

**Hybrid:** These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

**Online:** These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

### CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement Detail	
Minimum Credit Requirement	30 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	16 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	15 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244</a> ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/</a> ).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.00 GPA required. Refer to the Graduate School: Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement policy: <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203</a> ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/</a> ).
Other Grade Requirements	n/a

**Assessments and Examinations** Students have the option to complete a thesis. The master's thesis will demonstrate the student's ability to engage in original research in a student's chosen field, including the ability to use original-language material. Contact the program for more information.

**Language Requirements** Language learning is an integral part of the program, and students will be required to enroll in language courses each term. Students already proficient in their main language will be expected to choose another Slavic or Central Eurasian language for the duration of their program. For degree completion, students must have a minimum of two years of university-level study (or the equivalent) of a regional language with at least three years of study strongly recommended. During the academic year, the program offers Kazakh, Persian, Polish, Russian, Turkish, and Ukrainian.

Students entering with prior experience in Russian are required to take a pre-program assessment. Students are also required to take a language course each term. See below for more details.

### REQUIRED COURSES

Students must complete 30 credits of coursework. A minimum of 22 credits must be in area studies (non-language) coursework. Specific requirements are outlined below.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies</b>		
	Five courses in Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies numbered 300 or above. Courses must be distributed over at least three subject listings. At least 50% of the credits must be courses designed for graduate work. Courses with the graduate level coursework ("Grad 50%") attribute are identified and searchable in Guide. See the list below for courses.	15
<b>Seminars</b>		
	Two graduate-level seminars (numbered 700-999). Refer to "Seminar Courses" list below.	6
Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies MA students are expected to use original language source material in their graduate seminar papers. See lists below for courses.		
<b>Topics</b>		
	Students must complete the following course:	
SLAVIC 755	Topics in Slavic Literature (Introduction to Russian, East European, and Central Asian Studies)	1
<b>Language Courses</b>		
	Refer to "Language Courses" list for options.	8
<b>Optional Master's Thesis</b>		

Students may enroll in a 3-credit, faculty-supervised, independent research course in the home department of their advisor. These credits can be applied toward the required 22 non-language credits, but could not take the place of a required graduate-level seminar.

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**Total Credits 30**

### General Courses

Code	Title	Credits
A A E/ECON/ REAL EST/ URB R PL 306	The Real Estate Process	3
A A E/INTL ST 374	The Growth and Development of Nations in the Global Economy	3
A A E/ECON 474	Economic Problems of Developing Areas	3
ASIAN/AFRICAN/ RELIG ST 370	Islam: Religion and Culture	3-4
ANTHRO 330	Topics in Ethnology (Jews of Central & Eastern Europe)	3-4
ANTHRO 330	Topics in Ethnology (People & Culture - Cen&East Eur)	3-4
ANTHRO 330	Topics in Ethnology (Peoples & Cultures-Russia)	3-4
ANTHRO 690	Problems in Anthropology (Late Pleistocene of E. Eurasia)	3-4
ANTHRO 690	Problems in Anthropology (Nationalisms & Modern Wars)	3-4
ANTHRO 690	Problems in Anthropology (Understanding Human Rights)	3-4
ART HIST 310	Icons, Religion, and Empire: Early Christian and Byzantine Art, ca. 200-1453	3
ART HIST 556	Proseminar in 20th Century European Art (Art & Visual Culture of WWI)	3
ART HIST 556	Proseminar in 20th Century European Art (Art in Europe, 1945-1975)	3
ART HIST 556	Proseminar in 20th Century European Art (Artistic Nat'l: Internat'l Age)	3
ART HIST 556	Proseminar in 20th Century European Art (European Interwar Art)	3
ART HIST 556	Proseminar in 20th Century European Art (Fascist/Totalitarian Modernity)	3
ART HIST 805	Seminar-Ancient Art and Architecture (Achaemenid Persia)	3
ART HIST 805	Seminar-Ancient Art and Architecture (Persia: The First World Empire)	3
ART HIST 815	Seminar-Medieval Art (Icons and the Senses)	3
ART HIST 815	Seminar-Medieval Art (Sem: Holy Image-East Orth Cult)	3

ART HIST 856	Graduate Seminar in Twentieth Century European Art (Art & Visual Culture of WWI)	3
ART HIST 856	Graduate Seminar in Twentieth Century European Art (Art in Europe, 1945-1975)	3
ART HIST 856	Graduate Seminar in Twentieth Century European Art (European Avant-Garde:1900-1950)	3
ART HIST 856	Graduate Seminar in Twentieth Century European Art (European Interwar Art)	3
ART HIST 856	Graduate Seminar in Twentieth Century European Art (Fascist/Totalitarian Modernity)	3
ART HIST 856	Graduate Seminar in Twentieth Century European Art (Grd Smr-20th C Eur Art:Hrd Art)	3
ART HIST 856	Graduate Seminar in Twentieth Century European Art (Nat'lism in Era of Internat'l)	3
COM ARTS 463	Avant-Garde Film	3
COM ARTS 958	Seminar in Film History	2-3
ECON/A A E/ REAL EST/ URB R PL 306	The Real Estate Process	3
ECON 390	Contemporary Economic Issues	3
ECON 467	International Industrial Organizations	3-4
ECON/A A E 474	Economic Problems of Developing Areas	3
FOLKLORE/ LITTRANS 347	In Translation: Kalevala and Finnish Folk-Lore	3-4
FOLKLORE/ RELIG ST 352	Shamanism	3
FOLKLORE/ SCAND ST 443	Sami Culture, Yesterday and Today	4
FOLKLORE/ SLAVIC 444	Slavic and East European Folklore	3
FOLKLORE 460	Folk Epics	3
GEOG 318	Introduction to Geopolitics	3
GEOG 518	Power, Place, Identity	3
GEOG 918	Seminar in Political Geography	2-3
GNS 324	Literatures of Central Asia	3
HISTORY/ MEDIEVAL/ RELIG ST 309	The Crusades: Christianity and Islam	3-4
HISTORY 357	The Second World War	3-4
HISTORY 359	History of Europe Since 1945	3-4
HISTORY 417	History of Russia	3-4
HISTORY 418	History of Russia	3-4
HISTORY 419	History of Soviet Russia	3-4
HISTORY 420	Russian Social and Intellectual History	3-4
HISTORY 424	The Soviet Union and the World, 1917-1991	3-4

HISTORY 434	American Foreign Relations, 1901 to the Present	3-4	POLI SCI 854	Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict	3
HISTORY 500	Reading Seminar in History (East European Jewry 1648-1945)	3	POLI SCI 948	Seminar: Topics in Comparative Politics (Authoritarian Politics and Ins)	3
HISTORY 500	Reading Seminar in History (Holocaust: Destructn-Eur Jewry)	3	POLI SCI 948	Seminar: Topics in Comparative Politics (Nondemocratic Politics)	3
HISTORY/ CURRIC/ED POL/ JEWISH 515	Holocaust: History, Memory and Education	3	POLI SCI 948	Seminar: Topics in Comparative Politics (Post-Communist Politics)	3
HISTORY 600	Advanced Seminar in History (Central Asia)	3	SLAVIC 342	Introduction to Serbian and Croatian Literature	3
HISTORY 600	Advanced Seminar in History (Cold War on Ice: 1972)	3	SLAVIC 405	Women in Russian Literature	3-4
HISTORY 600	Advanced Seminar in History (Holocaust Victims & Survivors)	3	SLAVIC 420	Chekhov	3-4
HISTORY 600	Advanced Seminar in History (Russia & Its Crisis 1900-1917)	3	SLAVIC 421	Gogol	3-4
HISTORY 600	Advanced Seminar in History (Russia's Great War, 1914-1917)	3	SLAVIC 422	Dostoevsky	3-4
HISTORY 600	Advanced Seminar in History (Russia/America 1880s-1960s)	3	SLAVIC 424	Tolstoy	3-4
HISTORY 600	Advanced Seminar in History (Soviet Hist - Memoirs)	3	SLAVIC 433	History of Russian Culture	3
HISTORY 600	Advanced Seminar in History (Stalin and Hitler)	3	SLAVIC 434	Contemporary Russian Culture	3
HISTORY 600	Advanced Seminar in History (Totalitarianism)	3	SLAVIC 449	History of Serbo-Croatian Literature	3
HISTORY 600	Advanced Seminar in History (Twentieth Century Central Asia)	3	SLAVIC 470	History of Polish Literature until 1863	3
HISTORY 753	Seminar-Comparative World History	1-3	SLAVIC 472	History of Polish Literature after 1863	3
HISTORY/FRENCH/ GERMAN/POLI SCI/ SOC 804	Interdisciplinary Western European Area Studies Seminar	3	SLAVIC 701	Survey of Old Russian Literature	2
HISTORY 850	Smr-Hist of the Soviet Union & Modern Hist of E Central Europe	1-3	SLAVIC 702	Eighteenth-Century Russian Literature	2
HISTORY 891	Proseminar in Modern European History	1-3	SLAVIC 705	Special Topics in Russian Language/ Linguistics	3
JOURN 620	International Communication	4	SLAVIC 755	Topics in Slavic Literature	1-3
LITTRANS/ FOLKLORE 347	In Translation: Kalevala and Finnish Folk-Lore	3-4	SLAVIC 801	Slavic Critical Theory and Practice	3
LITTRANS 473	Polish Literature (in Translation) since 1863	3	SLAVIC 802	The Structure of Russian	2
POLI SCI 334	Russian Politics	3-4	SLAVIC 803	Introduction to Old Church Slavonic and the History of Russian Literary Language	2
POLI SCI 340	The European Union: Politics and Political Economy	3-4	SLAVIC 804	Methods of Teaching Slavic Languages	2
POLI SCI 401	Selected Topics in Political Science (The Soviet Jewish Experience)	3-4	SLAVIC 820	College Teaching of Russian	1
POLI SCI/ INTL ST 439	The Comparative Study of Genocide	3-4	SLAVIC 900	Seminar: Slavic Literature and Culture	1-3
POLI SCI 659	Politics and Society: Contemporary Eastern Europe	3-4	SCAND ST/ FOLKLORE 443	Sami Culture, Yesterday and Today	4
POLI SCI/FRENCH/ GERMAN/HISTORY/ SOC 804	Interdisciplinary Western European Area Studies Seminar	3	SCAND ST/ MEDIEVAL 444	Kalevala and Finnish Folk-Lore	4
POLI SCI 814	Social Identities: Definition and Measurement	3	SOC 496	Topics in Sociology (Anti-Semitism in Eur Culture)	1-3
			SOC 496	Topics in Sociology (On Russia's War in Ukraine)	1-3
			SOC 496	Topics in Sociology (Pop & Society in Contem Russia)	1-3
			SOC 496	Topics in Sociology (Pop & Society in Former USSR)	1-3
			SOC 496	Topics in Sociology (Soc, Cul, Pol Contemp Russia)	1-3
			SOC 496	Topics in Sociology (Sociology of Eastern Europe)	1-3
			SOC 633	Social Stratification	3

SOC/FRENCH/ GERMAN/HISTORY/ POLI SCI 804	Interdisciplinary Western European Area Studies Seminar	3
THEATRE 911	Seminar-Problems in Theatre and Drama	2-3

### Seminar Courses

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GEOG 918	Seminar in Political Geography	2-3
HISTORY 753	Seminar-Comparative World History	1-3
HISTORY 850	Semr-Hist of the Soviet Union & Modern Hist of E Central Europe	1-3
HISTORY 891	Proseminar in Modern European History	1-3
POLI SCI 854	Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict	3
SLAVIC 800	Proseminar-Slavic Literature and Culture	1
SLAVIC 900	Seminar: Slavic Literature and Culture	1-3

### Language Courses

Code	Title	Credits
ASIALANG 355	First Semester Asian Language for Graduate Students (Persian)	4
ASIALANG 356	Second Semester Asian Language for Graduate Students (Persian)	4
ASIALANG 357	Third Semester Asian Language for Graduate Students (Persian)	4
ASIALANG 358	Fourth Semester Asian Language for Graduate Students (Persian)	4
ASIALANG 337	Fifth Semester Persian	3-4
ASIALANG 338	Sixth Semester Persian	3-4
GNS 331	First Semester Kazakh	4
GNS 332	Second Semester Kazakh	4
GNS 339	First Semester Turkish	4
GNS 340	Second Semester Turkish	4
GNS 351	First Semester Central Eurasian Language	4
GNS 352	Second Semester Central Eurasian Language	4
GNS 370	Topics in GNS (Intermediate)	3
GNS 429	Intermediate Summer Immersion Turkish	8
GNS 431	Third Semester Kazakh	4
GNS 432	Fourth Semester Kazakh	4
GNS 439	Third Semester Turkish	4
GNS 440	Fourth Semester Turkish	4
GNS 451	Third Semester Central Eurasian Language	4
GNS 452	Fourth Semester Central Eurasian Language	4
GNS 460	Readings in Turkish: Contemporary Turkey through Literature and Media	4
GNS 471	Advanced Topics in East European and Central Asian Languages and Cultures	1-4

GNS 529	Advanced Summer Immersion Turkish	8
GNS 531	Fifth Semester Kazakh	3-4
GNS 532	Sixth Semester Kazakh	3-4
GNS 539	Fifth Semester Turkish and Azeri	3-4
GNS 540	Sixth Semester Turkish and Azeri	3-4
GNS 551	Fifth Semester Central Eurasian Language	4
GNS 552	Sixth Semester Central Eurasian Language	4
SLAVIC 301	Introduction to Intensive Polish	3
SLAVIC 304	Fourth Semester Intensive Polish	4
SLAVIC 305	Fifth Semester Intensive Polish	3
SLAVIC 306	Sixth Semester Intensive Polish	3
SLAVIC 315	Russian Language and Culture I	3
SLAVIC 316	Russian Language and Culture II	3
SLAVIC 321	Fourth Year Russian I	3
SLAVIC 322	Fourth Year Russian II	3
SLAVIC 331	Fourth Year Polish I	3
SLAVIC 332	Fourth Year Polish II	3
SLAVIC 341	First Semester Intensive Serbo- Croatian	3
SLAVIC 351	First Semester Intensive Czech	3
SLAVIC 352	Second Semester Intensive Czech	3
SLAVIC 451	Third Semester Intensive Czech	3
SLAVIC 452	Fourth Semester Intensive Czech	3
SLAVIC 555	Advanced Russian Listening & Speaking	3
SLAVIC 802	The Structure of Russian	2
SLAVIC 705	Special Topics in Russian Language/ Linguistics	3

## POLICIES

### GRADUATE SCHOOL POLICIES

The Graduate School's Academic Policies and Procedures (<https://grad.wisc.edu/acadpolicy/>) serve as the official document of record for Graduate School academic and administrative policies and procedures and are updated continuously. Note some policies redirect to entries in the official UW-Madison Policy Library (<https://policy.wisc.edu/>). Programs may set more stringent policies than the Graduate School. Policies set by the academic degree program can be found below.

### MAJOR-SPECIFIC POLICIES

#### PRIOR COURSEWORK

##### Graduate Credits Earned at Other Institutions

With program approval, students are allowed to transfer no more than 9 credits of graduate coursework from other institutions. Coursework earned ten or more years prior to admission to a master's degree is not allowed to satisfy requirements.

## Undergraduate Credits Earned at Other Institutions or UW-Madison

Refer to the Graduate School: Transfer Credits for Prior Coursework (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1216/>) policy.

## Credits Earned as a Professional Student at UW-Madison (Law, Medicine, Pharmacy, and Veterinary careers)

Refer to the Graduate School: Transfer Credits for Prior Coursework (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1216/>) policy.

## Credits Earned as a University Special Student at UW-Madison

With program approval, students are allowed to transfer no more than 9 credits of coursework numbered 300 or above taken as a UW-Madison University Special student. However, these credits are not allowed to count toward the 50% graduate coursework minimum unless numbered 700 or above or are taken to meet the requirements of a capstone certificate and has the "Grad 50%" attribute. Coursework earned ten or more years prior to admission to a master's degree is not allowed to satisfy requirements.

## PROBATION

Refer to the Graduate School: Probation (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1217/>) policy.

## ADVISOR / COMMITTEE

Every graduate student is required to have an advisor. To ensure that students are making satisfactory progress toward a degree, the Graduate School expects them to meet with their advisor on a regular basis.

## CREDITS PER TERM ALLOWED

15 credit maximum. Refer to the Graduate School: Maximum Credit Loads and Overload Requests (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1228/>) policy.

## TIME LIMITS

Refer to the Graduate School: Time Limits (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1221/>) policy.

## GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

These resources may be helpful in addressing your concerns:

- Bias or Hate Reporting (<https://doso.students.wisc.edu/bias-or-hate-reporting/>)
- Graduate Assistantship Policies and Procedures (<https://hr.wisc.edu/policies/gapp/#grievance-procedure>)
- Hostile and Intimidating Behavior Policies and Procedures (<https://hr.wisc.edu/hib/>)
  - Office of the Provost for Faculty and Staff Affairs (<https://facstaff.provost.wisc.edu/>)
- Employee Assistance (<http://www.eao.wisc.edu/>) (for personal counseling and workplace consultation around communication and conflict involving graduate assistants and other employees, post-doctoral students, faculty and staff)
- Employee Disability Resource Office (<https://employeedisabilities.wisc.edu/>) (for qualified employees or applicants with disabilities to have equal employment opportunities)
- Graduate School (<https://grad.wisc.edu/>) (for informal advice at any level of review and for official appeals of program/departmental or school/college grievance decisions)
- Office of Compliance (<https://compliance.wisc.edu/>) (for class harassment and discrimination, including sexual harassment and sexual violence)
- Office Student Assistance and Support (OSAS) (<https://osas.wisc.edu/>) (for all students to seek grievance assistance and support)
- Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards (<https://conduct.students.wisc.edu/>) (for conflicts involving students)
- Ombuds Office for Faculty and Staff (<http://www.ombuds.wisc.edu/>) (for employed graduate students and post-docs, as well as faculty and staff)
- Title IX (<https://compliance.wisc.edu/titleix/>) (for concerns about discrimination)

## L&S POLICY FOR GRADUATE STUDENT ACADEMIC APPEALS

Graduate students have the right to appeal an academic decision related to an L&S graduate program if the student believes that the decision is inconsistent with published policy.

Academic decisions that may be appealed include:

- Dismissal from the graduate program
- Failure to pass a qualifying or preliminary examination
- Failure to achieve satisfactory academic progress
- Academic disciplinary action related to failure to meet professional conduct standards

Issues such as the following cannot be appealed using this process:

- A faculty member declining to serve as a graduate student's advisor.
- Decisions regarding the student's disciplinary knowledge, evaluation of the quality of work, or similar judgements. These are the domain of the department faculty.
- Course grades. These can be appealed instead using the L&S Policy for Grade Appeal (<https://kb.wisc.edu/lis/22258/>).
- Incidents of bias or hate, hostile and intimidating behavior (<https://hr.wisc.edu/hib/>), or discrimination (Title IX (<https://compliance.wisc.edu/titleix/>), Office of Compliance (<https://compliance.wisc.edu/eo-complaint/formal-investigations/>)). Direct these to the linked campus offices appropriate for the incident(s).

## Appeal Process for Graduate Students

A graduate student wishing to appeal an academic decision must follow the process in the order listed below. Note time limits within each step.

1. The student should first seek informal resolution, if possible, by discussing the concern with their academic advisor, the department's Director of Graduate Studies, and/or the department chair.
2. If the program has an appeal policy listed in their graduate program handbook, the student should follow the policy as written, including adhering to any indicated deadlines. In the absence of a specific departmental process, the chair or designee will be the reviewer and decision maker, and the student should submit a written appeal to the chair within 15 business days of the academic decision. The chair or designee will notify the student in writing of their decision.
3. If the departmental process upholds the original decision, the graduate student may next initiate an appeal to L&S. To do so, the student must submit a written appeal to the L&S Assistant Dean for Graduate Student Academic Affairs within 15 business days of notification of the department's decision.

- a. To the fullest extent possible, the written appeal should include, in a single document: a clear and concise statement of the academic decision being appealed, any relevant background on what led to the decision, the specific policies involved, the relief sought, any relevant documentation related to the departmental appeal, and the names and titles of any individuals contributing to or involved in the decision.
  - b. The Assistant Dean will work with the Academic Associate Dean of the appropriate division to consider the appeal. They may seek additional information and/or meetings related to the case.
  - c. The Assistant Dean and Academic Associate Dean will provide a written decision within 20 business days.
4. If L&S upholds the original decision, the graduate student may appeal to the Graduate School. More information can be found on their website: Grievances and Appeals (<https://grad.wisc.edu/documents/grievances-and-appeals/>) (see: Graduate School Appeal Process).
7. Recognizes and apply principles of ethical and professional conduct in the context of Russian, East European, and Central Asian studies.
  8. (Language proficiency) Develop speaking, listening, writing, and reading skills in one or more of the languages of Russia, East and Central Europe, and Central Eurasia, and integrate these skills to communicate in a variety of social and academic situations.

## OTHER

Accelerated language study available during summer. We encourage qualified US citizens and permanent residents to apply for the Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship through the Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia (CREECA). Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) applications are due on or near February 15 of each year; please check the FLAS website (<https://flas.wisc.edu/>) for updates. The application form for Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) is separate from the application for admission. We regret that other sources of funding, such as teaching assistantships and project assistantships, are limited.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES

Take advantage of the Graduate School's professional development resources (<https://grad.wisc.edu/pd/>) to build skills, thrive academically, and launch your career.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

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1. Demonstrate an understanding of the cultural, political, economic, social, and historical factors that that have shaped the development of societies in Eurasia, Russia, and East and Central Europe.
2. Articulate, critique, and/or elaborate the theories, research methods, and approaches to inquiry in one or more of the disciplines represented in the interdisciplinary field of Russian, East European, and Central Asian studies (REECAS).
3. Identify sources and assemble evidence pertaining to questions or challenges in REECAS.
4. Demonstrate an understanding of Russian, East European, and Central Asian studies in a historical, social, or global context.
5. Select and utilize appropriate methodologies and practices in one or more of the disciplines represented in the interdisciplinary field of REECAS.
6. Evaluate and synthesize information pertaining to questions or challenges in REECAS and should communicate clearly in written and spoken work in ways appropriate to REECAS.