

# RUSSIAN, EAST EUROPEAN AND CENTRAL ASIAN STUDIES, MA

## 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	3.00 GPA required.
Graduate GPA Requirement	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

#### Seminars

Two graduate-level seminars (numbered 700–999). Refer to "Seminar Courses" list below.	6
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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.

#### Topics

Students must complete the following course:

SLAVIC 755	Topics in Slavic Literature (Introduction to Russian, East European, and Central Asian Studies)	1
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#### Language Courses

Refer to "Language Courses" list for options.	8
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#### Optional Master's Thesis

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

Code	Title	Credits
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