

RUSSIAN, EAST EUROPEAN, AND CENTRAL ASIAN STUDIES, CERTIFICATE

(For information on a major in Russian language and literature, Russian language and civilization, or Polish language and literature, see Slavic Languages and Literature (http://slavic.lss.wisc.edu/new_web.)

The undergraduate certificate program in Russian, East European, and Central Asian studies seeks to provide undergraduate students with area knowledge of the societies and cultures of the peoples of Eastern Europe and Eurasia, drawing on the disciplines of anthropology, communication arts, economics, folklore, geography, history, language and literature, law, political science, and sociology. The certificate can be a valuable addition to a major in business, economics, education, geography, history, international studies, political science, Slavic languages and literature, and other departments.

Applicants must fulfill the UW–Madison requirements for an established major in their school or college and achieve a minimum GPA of 2.5 in all courses they wish to count toward the certificate. Courses may **not** be taken on a pass/fail basis. At least two years of a Slavic, East European, or Central Asian language are strongly recommended for the certificate, but are not formally required.

HOW TO GET IN

Students interested in declaring the undergraduate certificate should contact the Center for Russia, East Europe and Central Asia (CREECA) office or the undergraduate advisor, Csanád Siklós, 262-5006; siklos@wisc.edu.

REQUIREMENTS

Certificate students must complete successfully **seven courses** for the certificate:

Code	Title	Credits
	Select one interdisciplinary course (Group I)	
	Select three courses in history and the social sciences representing at least two different departments (Group II)	
	Select three courses in literature and the arts (Group III)	

Students who complete more than one course in Group I may count the additional courses toward fulfillment of Group II or III. Language courses do not count toward the certificate.

Students are encouraged to consult with the certificate advisor and declare the certificate as early as possible in their college careers in order to select an academically focused group of courses. The certificate will be awarded following successful graduation.

COURSES

GROUP 1—INTERDISCIPLINARY

Code	Title	Credits
HISTORY/POLI SCI/ GEOG/SLAVIC 253	Russia: An Interdisciplinary Survey	4
HISTORY/POLI SCI/ GEOG/SLAVIC 254	Eastern Europe: An Interdisciplinary Survey	4
LCA/HISTORY 265	An Introduction to Central Asia: From the Silk Route to Afghanistan	3

GROUP II—HISTORY AND THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

Agricultural and Applied Economics

Code	Title	Credits
A A E/ENVIR ST 244	The Environment and the Global Economy	3
A A E/INTL ST 373	Globalization, Poverty and Development	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

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Anthropology

Code	Title	Credits
ANTHRO 369	Peoples and Cultures of Central and Eastern Europe	3-4
ANTHRO 606	Ethnicity, Nations, and Nationalism ¹	3-4

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Economics

Code	Title	Credits
ECON 364	Survey of International Economics ¹	3-4
ECON 464	International Trade and Finance	3-4

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Geography

Code	Title	Credits
GEOG 318	Introduction to Geopolitics ¹	3
GEOG 353	Russia and the NIS-Topical Analysis	3

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German, Nordic, and Slavic

Code	Title	Credits
GNS 624	Proseminar in Central Asian History	3

History

Code	Title	Credits
HISTORY 200	Historical Studies ¹ When topic is Russia, Eastern Europe or Central Asia related	3
HISTORY 201	The Historian's Craft ¹ When topic is Russia, Eastern Europe or Central Asia related	3-4

HISTORY 223	Explorations in European History (H) ¹	3-4
HISTORY/ MEDIEVAL 313	Introduction to Byzantine History and Civilization	3-4
HISTORY/ MEDIEVAL 314	Problems in Byzantine History and Civilization ¹	3-4
HISTORY 350	The First World War and the Shaping of Twentieth-Century Europe	3-4
HISTORY 357	The Second World War	3-4
HISTORY 359	History of Europe Since 1945	3-4
HISTORY/ JEWISH 373	Modern Political History of the Jews: 1655-1919	4
HISTORY/ JEWISH 374	Modern Political History of the Jews: Era of Mass Movements, 1870-1970	4
HISTORY/ JEWISH 416	Eastern European Jews in the United States, 1880s-1930s	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 425	History of Poland and the Baltic Area	3-4
HISTORY 434	American Foreign Relations, 1901 to the Present	3-4
HISTORY/ RELIG ST 439	Islamic History From the Origin of Islam to the Ottoman Empire	3-4
HISTORY/GEN&WS/ LCA 472	Women in Turkish Society	3
HISTORY 475	European Social History, 1914-Present	3-4
HISTORY 500	Reading Seminar in History ¹	3
HISTORY/CURRIC/ JEWISH 515	Holocaust: History, Memory and Education	3
HISTORY/JEWISH/ RELIG ST 529	Intellectual and Religious History of European Jewry, 1648-1939	4
HISTORY 540	Balkans and Middle East, 1700-1918: The Rise of National States	3-4
HISTORY/HIST SCI/ MED HIST/ MEDIEVAL/ S&A PHM 562	Byzantine Medicine and Pharmacy	3
HISTORY 600	Advanced Seminar in History ¹	3

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Jewish Studies

Code	Title	Credits
JEWISH 490	Topics in Jewish Studies ¹	3

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Journalism and Mass Communication

Code	Title	Credits
JOURN 620	International Communication ¹	4
JOURN 621	Mass Communication in Developing Nations ¹	4

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Political Science

Code	Title	Credits
POLI SCI 120	Politics Around the World	4
POLI SCI 340	The European Union: Politics and Political Economy	3-4
POLI SCI 351	Politics of the World Economy	3-4
POLI SCI 401	Selected Topics in Political Science ¹	3-4
POLI SCI/ INTL ST 439	The Comparative Study of Genocide	3-4
POLI SCI 421	The Challenge of Democratization	3-4
POLI SCI 534	Socialism and Transitions to the Market	3-4
POLI SCI 432	Comparative Legal Institutions	3-4
POLI SCI/ RELIG ST 618	Political Islam ¹	3-4
POLI SCI 334	Russian Politics	3-4
POLI SCI 659	Politics and Society: Contemporary Eastern Europe	3-4

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Sociology

Code	Title	Credits
SOC 496	Topics in Sociology ¹	1-3
SOC/LCA/ RELIG ST 614	Social Structures of Muslim Societies ¹	3
SOC 621	Class, State and Ideology: an Introduction to Marxist Social Science	3
SOC/ECON 663	Population and Society ¹	3

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GROUP III—LITERATURE AND THE ARTS

Communication Arts

Code	Title	Credits
COM ARTS 456	Russian and Soviet Film	3
COM ARTS 463	Avant-Garde Film	3

Comparative Literature

Code	Title	Credits
COMP LIT 202	Introduction to Modern and Contemporary Literature ¹	3
COMP LIT 350	Problems in Comparative Literatures and Cultures	3-4

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English

Code	Title	Credits
ENGL/ LITTRANS 223	Vladimir Nabokov: Russian and American Writings	3

Folklore

Code	Title	Credits
FOLKLORE/LCA 279	Introduction to Turkish Folk Literature	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 ¹	3

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Jewish Studies

Code	Title	Credits
JEWISH/GERMAN/ LITTRANS 269	Yiddish Literature and Culture in Europe	3

Languages and Cultures of Asia

Code	Title	Credits
LCA 236	Bascom Course ¹	3
LCA 314	Literatures of Central Asia	3
LCA/RELIG ST 357	Literatures of Muslim Societies	3
LCA/AFRICAN/ RELIG ST 370	Islam: Religion and Culture	4
LCA 579	Fiction and Ethnography in Turkey	3
LCA 610	Proseminar: Introduction to Turkic Linguistics	3
LCA 615	Writing Travels ¹	3

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Literature in Translation

Code	Title	Credits
LITTRANS 201	Survey of 19th and 20th Century Russian Literature in Translation I	3
LITTRANS 202	Survey of 19th and 20th Century Russian Literature in Translation II	3
LITTRANS 203	Survey of 19th and 20th Century Russian Literature in Translation I	4
LITTRANS 204	Survey of 19th and 20th Century Russian Literature in Translation II	4
LITTRANS/ GEN&WS 205	Women in Russian Literature in Translation	3-4
LITTRANS 208	The Writings of Vaclav Havel: Critique of Modern Society	3
LITTRANS 214	Literatures of Central Asia in Translation	3
LITTRANS 215	Polish Literature in Translation: 14th to the Mid-19th Century	3

LITTRANS 220	Chekhov in Translation	3-4
LITTRANS 221	Gogol in Translation	3-4
LITTRANS 222	Dostoevsky in Translation	3-4
LITTRANS/ ENGL 223	Vladimir Nabokov: Russian and American Writings	3
LITTRANS 224	Tolstoy in Translation	3-4
LITTRANS 229	Representation of the Jew in Eastern European Cultures	3
LITTRANS 233	Russian Life and Culture Through Literature and Art (to 1917)	3-4
LITTRANS 234	Soviet Life and Culture Through Literature and Art (from 1917)	3-4
LITTRANS 236	Bascom Course-In Translation ¹	3
LITTRANS 240	Soviet Literature in Translation	3-4
LITTRANS 241	Literatures and Cultures of Eastern Europe	3
LITTRANS 247	Topics in Slavic Literatures in Translation	3
LITTRANS/ RELIG ST 257	Literatures of Muslim Societies in Translation ¹	3
LITTRANS/GERMAN/ JEWISH 269	Yiddish Literature and Culture in Europe	3
LITTRANS 329	The Vampire in Literature and Film	3
LITTRANS/ FOLKLORE 347	In Translation: Kalevala and Finnish Folk-Lore	3-4
LITTRANS/ THEATRE 423	In Translation: Slavic Drama in Context	3
LITTRANS 454	History of Serbian and Croatian Literature	3
LITTRANS 455	Modern Serbian and Croatian Literature in Translation	3
LITTRANS 473	Polish Literature (in Translation) since 1863	3

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Scandinavian Studies

Code	Title	Credits
SCAND ST/ FOLKLORE 443	Sami Culture, Yesterday and Today	4
SCAND ST/ MEDIEVAL 444	Kalevala and Finnish Folk-Lore	4

Slavic Languages and Literature

Code	Title	Credits
SLAVIC 242	Literatures and Cultures of Eastern Europe	3
SLAVIC 245	Topics in Slavic Literatures	3
SLAVIC 285	Slavic Culture in Context: An Honors Course	3
SLAVIC 302	Zarys historii literatury polskiej	3
SLAVIC/ RELIG ST 325	Eastern Christianity/Russian Orthodoxy in a Global Context	3
SLAVIC 342	Uvod u srpsku i hrvatsku literaturu	3
SLAVIC 350	Special Topics in Russian Language, Literature, and Culture	3
SLAVIC 405	Women in Russian Literature	3-4

SLAVIC 420	Chekhov	3-4
SLAVIC 421	Gogol	3-4
SLAVIC 422	Dostoevsky	3-4
SLAVIC 424	Tolstoy	3-4
SLAVIC 439	Russia Today in Literature and Film	4
SLAVIC 440	Soviet Literature	3-4
SLAVIC 449	Istorija srpske i hrvatske literature	3
SLAVIC 454	Moderna srpska i hrvatska literatura	3
SLAVIC 470	Historia literatury polskiej do roku 1863	3
SLAVIC 472	Historia literatury polskiej po roku 1863	3
SLAVIC/ THEATRE 532	History of Russian Theatre	3
SLAVIC 699	Directed Study ¹	1-6

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Theatre and Drama

Code	Title	Credits
THEATRE/ SLAVIC 532	History of Russian Theatre	3

RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

11 credits, counting toward the certificate, taken in residence

A cumulative 2.500 GPA for all coursework counting toward the certificate

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- 1. Regional Understanding:** Students should demonstrate an understanding of the cultural, political, economic, social, and historical factors that have shaped the development of societies in Eurasia, Russia, and East and Central Europe.
- 2. Multi-disciplinarity:** Students should be able to analyze the historical, political, economic, social, and cultural realities in the region from at least two disciplinary perspectives, including both humanities and social sciences approaches.

ADVISING AND CAREERS

Advising for the certificate is administered by the Institute for Regional and International Studies (IRIS). The IRIS assistant director for students and curriculum can assist you in developing your plan of study for the certificate, track progress toward your certificate, explore study abroad and international internship options, and begin the career-exploration process. We offer walk-in advising, advising workshops, and scheduled appointments. We strongly encourage students to begin career exploration early on and to make use of the many resources available on campus.

Resources:

- Make a Career Advising Appointment (<http://careers.ls.wisc.edu/Undergraduate-Advising.htm>)
- L&S Career Services (<http://careers.ls.wisc.edu/students.htm>)
- Language and International Directions Advising (<http://www.languages.wisc.edu/languageadvising>) (Language Institute)

- International Internship Program (<http://internships.international.wisc.edu>)
- INTER-LS 210 L&S Career Development: Taking Initiative (1 credit, targeted to first- and second-year students)
- L&S Career Initiative (<http://ls.wisc.edu/about/lsci?p=careerinitiative.html>)

PEOPLE

Faculty: Belodubrovskaya, Brenner, Buenger, Chamberlain, Ciancia, Dale, Danaher, Derin, Dolinin, DuBois, Evans-Romaine, Filipowicz, Gehlbach, Gerber, Hendley, Herrera, Hirsch, Johnson, Kaiser, Kepley, Lapina, Livanos, Longinovic, McDonald, Michels, Miernowska, Neville, Radeloff, Reynolds, Schamiloglu, Shevelenko, Tishler, Tumarkin, van de Water, Wink, Yudkoff