RUSSIAN, EAST EUROPEAN AND CENTRAL ASIAN STUDIES, DOCTORAL MINOR

REQUIREMENTS

Recognition of interdisciplinary training at the graduate level can be acquired with a REECAS certificate. Doctoral minor requirements in specific fields can also be fulfilled under the REECAS program. The requirements for a doctoral minor under Option A (external minor) may be satisfied by completing 9 credits of graduate courses in Russian, East European and Central Asian studies. These 9 credits must be distributed over at least two departments outside the student’s major department. Students should contact the program office for specific information regarding these requirements. Doctoral students may not earn both the REECAS graduate/professional certificate and the REECAS doctoral minor.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Regional expertise: advanced knowledge of the societies and cultures of the region through in-depth understanding of the principal historical, social, political, cultural and scientific forces and conditions that have given rise to the unity and diversity in the region today.
2. Multi-disciplinarity: analyzing contemporary political, economic, and cultural realities in the region from at least two disciplinary perspectives, ideally including humanities, social sciences and sometimes natural science approaches.
3. Depth of knowledge: advanced knowledge of particular facets of life in the region by taking courses on particular sub-regions or countries, by studying a regional language, or by taking at least two courses on the region in one discipline.
4. Research and methods: Students must demonstrate the ability to conduct interdisciplinary research that shows knowledge of research methodologies, demonstrates analytical skills, and the ability to articulate and elaborate research findings.

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