



REEEC Student Course Profiles

The Master of Arts in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (REEES) at the University of Illinois is flexible and allows students to tailor the graduate experience to their specific objectives. Below are four different student profiles that show the diversity of offerings at Illinois and the ways in which students can develop a unique course of study according to their interests.

MA Student #1

This student studied at a small, liberal arts college and graduated with a degree in History. Thanks to an arrangement with a local consortium of colleges, this student was able to take two years of Russian and earn a certificate in Russian studies, although they did not discover their interest in area studies until midway through college. This student is interested in pursuing an academic career but hopes to get more language and area studies expertise before applying for a PhD program. Accordingly, this student selects a course of study that is tailored to their interests and helps them to acquire some skills that would be needed to continue their graduate career at the PhD level.

	Fall Term	Spring Term
MA Year One	LIS 530 REEES Bibliography and Research Methods REES 550 Seminar in REEES RUSS 301 3rd Year Russian I HIST 467 Eastern Europe	HIST 461 Peter the Great to the Russian Revolution SLAV 525 Problems in Slavic Lit RUSS 302 3rd Year Russian II HIST 492 Historiography & Methodology
MA Year Two	RUSS 401 4th Year Russian I ANTH 403 Women in Muslim Societies EURO 580 Research Design & Techniques REES 599 Thesis Research	HIST 462 Soviet Union since 1917 RUSS 402 4th Year Russian II ANTH 488 Modern Europe

Total number of credit hours: 8 required credit hours (LIS 530/REES 550), 24 core course credit hours (HIST 461,462,467, ANTH 403, SLAV 525, REES 599), 9 elective credit hours (HIST 492, EURO 580, ANTH 488).

MA Student #2

This student has an undergraduate degree in Russian studies, has taken more than four years of Russian at the college level, studied abroad and has a strong background in area studies. This student hopes to complete an MA in REEES and pursue a career in an international NGO-type organization. They have decided to take a second regional language and enroll in courses that could help them with policy analysis, international development, and to better understand current events. This student also elected to take courses that afford them some transferable skills (e.g. quantitative analysis).



	Fall Term	Spring Term
MA Year One	LIS 530 REEES Bibliography and Research Methods SCR 101 Basic Serbian/Croatian I SOC 422 European Working Class REES 550 Seminar in REEES	SCR 102 Basic Serbian/Croatian II PS 545 Politics of Post-Soviet States SOC 481 Survey Research LAW 657 Intl Human Rights Law
MA Year Two	SCR 201 2nd Yr Serbian/Croatian I GEOG 493 Democ & Environment HIST 462 Soviet Union since 1917 REES 599 Thesis Research (2 hrs.)	SCR 202 2nd Yr Serbian/Croatian II SLAV 477 Post-Communist Fiction SOC 561 Development Theories REES 599 Thesis Research (2 hrs.)

Total number of credit hours: 8 required credit hours (LIS 530/REES 550), 24 core course credit hours (HIST 462, PS 545, GEOG 493, SLAV 477, Law 657, REES 599), 12 elective credit hours (SOC 422, 481&561).

MA Student #3

This student joined the military after college and spent several years in the service. Now that this person has been discharged, they would like to find work in the federal government in a civilian position. Their hope is to earn a Master's and gain some important expertise that will make them more competitive for an analyst position in the intelligence community or as Foreign Service officer. This person had the equivalent of two years of Russian language training when they applied, but enrolled in a summer language program before their first term at Illinois. This person does not wish to write a thesis, but take the research paper option for completing the MA. Also, this student chose to take advantage of the independent study option to work with a professor and design an individual course of study.

	Fall Term	Spring Term
MA Year One	LIS 530 REEES Bibliography and Research Methods RUSS 401 4th Year Russian I PS 582 Intl Political Economy REES 550 Seminar in REEES	RUSS 402 4th Year Russian II PS 545 Politics of Post-Soviet States PS 546 Comparative Political Behavior GLBL 480 Energy & Security
MA Year Two	RUSS 501 5th Year Russian I CWL 440 Russian Culture Studies HIST 462 Soviet Union Since 1917 REES 590 Individual Study	RUSS 502 5th Year Russian II SLAV 452 Slavic Cultural Studies HIST 401 History of Terrorism

Total number of credit hours: 8 required credit hours (LIS 530/REES 550), 24 core course credit hours (HIST 462, PS 545 & 546, CWL 440, SLAV 452, REES 590), 12 elective credit hours (GLBL 480, HIST 401, PS 582).

MA Student #4

This student took a few courses on the politics/culture of Russia/Eurasia in college and is a heritage speaker of Polish who is able to test out of the language requirement for the REEES MA degree. This person is interested in learning more about the culture and history of the region as a whole and working on their translation skills. They are not certain of the career path they will take,



but are leaning towards a career in the private or business sector and chose the research paper option to complete the MA.

	Fall Term	Spring Term
MA Year One	LIS 530 <i>REEES Bibliography and Research Methods</i> REES 550 <i>Seminar in REEES</i> SLAV 452 <i>Slavic Cultural Studies</i> POL 446 <i>Problems of Polish Lit</i>	HIST 467 <i>Eastern Europe</i> TRST 500 <i>Translation Methods & Ethics</i> HIST 461 <i>Russia from Peter the Great to Revolution</i>
MA Year Two	TRST 420 <i>Translation Practice</i> CWL 440 <i>Russian Culture Studies</i> HIST 460 <i>Russia to Peter the Great</i>	JS 501 <i>Grad Intro to Jewish Culture</i> EURO 502 <i>The EU in a Global Context</i> HIST 551 <i>Problems in European History since 1789</i>

Total number of credit hours: 8 required credit hours (LIS 530/REES 550), 24 core course credit hours (HIST 460, 461, & 467, POL 446, SLAV 452, CWL 440), 20 elective credit hours (TRST 500 & 420, EURO 502, HIST 551, JS 501).