

RUSSIAN, EAST EUROPEAN AND EURASIAN STUDIES - MASTER OF ARTS (MA)

The department offers an interdisciplinary professional MA in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies (REEES) focusing on Russian language proficiency as well as Russian, East European and Eurasian cultures. The MA program is strongly interdisciplinary and students can pursue connections between Russian, East European and Eurasian history, politics and culture from the 19th through the 21st centuries. The faculty's strengths include literature, cinema, folklore, literary/cultural theory, cultural studies, gender and sexuality studies, minority studies, nationalism, environmental humanities, sociolinguistics and pedagogy.

The faculty works closely with students to design their own course of study. Some REEES MA students receive a teaching assistantship and tuition waiver.

For contact information and more general information on the MA in Russian, East European and Eurasian studies, visit the REEES Program (<http://www.colorado.edu/gsl/russian-program/>) website or email gsl_assist@colorado.edu.

Requirements

Course Requirements

REEES MA students may take up to 12 credit hours in an outside area. Students frequently choose business, political science, geography, women and gender studies, education, history, linguistics, film studies, Jewish studies, religious studies, fine arts, and theater and dance, but students may pursue other options. All outside area courses must be approved by the Director of REEES Graduate Studies.

Upon approval of the Director of REEES Graduate Studies, students may take up to six credit hours of 3000- or 4000-level courses toward their MA degree.

Students interested in independent study should check with a faculty member who may sponsor the independent study, and then obtain an informational sheet and an Independent Study Contract from the department. Once the contract is approved by the chair, a staff member will enroll the student in the course. MA students may not take more than a total of 7 hours of independent study.

Transfer credit from accredited institutions is accepted by CU Boulder only after approval by the Director of REEES Graduate Studies and the Graduate School. Transfer credit is defined as any credit earned at another accredited institution, credits earned on another campus of the CU system, or credits earned as a nondegree student within the CU system. MA students are allowed a maximum of 9 hours of transfer credit.

All students must pass the Russian language proficiency exam, consisting of written and oral components, during their final semester. Educated native Russian speakers are exempt from the language proficiency exam.

Degree Plans

Plan I: Thesis Option

Students must complete at least 30 credit hours, including 24 hours of coursework and 6 thesis hours. Students must submit a thesis and pass a one-hour oral defense.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		14
RUSS 5010	Advanced Russian Seminar ¹	
RUSS 5020	Advanced Russian Seminar 2 ¹	
REES 5110	Slavic Culture and Society	
REES 5120	Russia after Communism: Post-Soviet Politics and Culture	
Thesis		6
REES 6950	Master's Thesis	
Electives		10
Complete additional courses to fulfill the 30-credit minimum. Options include:		
RUSS 5050	Professional Russian ²	
REES 5210	Topics in Russian, East European and Eurasian Culture	
REES 5220		
REES 5211	History of Russian and Soviet Cinema	
REES 5221	Stalinism: Culture and Society	
RUSS 5230	Russian Cultural Idioms ²	
REES 5251	Russian and Soviet Queer Culture	
REES 5301	American-Russian Cultural Relations	
REES 5321	Mythological Russia and Ukraine	
REES 5352	Russian Novel: Theory and Practice	
RUSS 5401		
REES 5431	Dostoevsky	
REES 5441	Tolstoy	
REES 5451	Chekhov	
REES 5471	Women in 20th-21st Century Russian, East European and Eurasian Cultures	
REES 5481	Rogues to Revolutionaries: Russian Rebels, Past and Present	
REES 5821	20th Century Russian Literature and Art	
REES 5830	Topics in Literature and History	
REES 5831	Contemporary Russian Literature	
RUSS 5841	History of Modern Russian Drama	
REES 5850	²	
REES 5851	Critical Thinking: Russian Film and Society	
REES 5861	Absurd and Supernatural in Russian Literature	
REES 5871	Understanding Ukraine: Culture, Diversity, Conflict	
REES 5900	Independent Study	
Total Credit Hours		30

- ¹ Native speakers are exempt from RUSS 5010 and RUSS 5020, and should contact the Director of REEES Graduate Studies for alternate coursework. For details, please see Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies MA Handbook (<https://www.colorado.edu/gssl/russian/graduate/russian-ma-handbook/>).
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Plan II: Non-Thesis Option

Students must complete at least 30 credit hours of coursework, then pass a written MA final exam and a one-hour oral defense.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		14
RUSS 5010	Advanced Russian Seminar ¹	
RUSS 5020	Advanced Russian Seminar 2 ¹	
REES 5110	Slavic Culture and Society	
REES 5120	Russia after Communism: Post-Soviet Politics and Culture	
Electives		16
Complete additional courses to fulfill the 30-credit minimum.		
Options include:		
RUSS 5050	Professional Russian ²	
REES 5210	Topics in Russian, East European and Eurasian Culture	
REES 5211	History of Russian and Soviet Cinema	
REES 5220	²	
REES 5221	Stalinism: Culture and Society	
RUSS 5230	Russian Cultural Idioms ²	
REES 5251	Russian and Soviet Queer Culture	
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REES 5830	Topics in Literature and History	
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REES 5900	Independent Study	
Total Credit Hours		30