

# Minor in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies

## Why study Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies?

The University of Kansas Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (REES) program covers a broad geographical region, which is home to rich and diverse cultures that have had an enormous impact on today's political, economic, cultural, and environmental issues. The interdisciplinary study of Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia creates culturally informed citizens who can act on national and international issues.

The REES minor is highly flexible. It complements traditional disciplinary study in another field with REES coursework and general area knowledge.

## Requirements for the Minor

### Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies Minor Course Requirements

Students selecting this minor must complete the following:

| Code   | Title  | Hours     |
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| <b>Introductory Course</b>   |  | <b>3</b>  |
| Satisfied by one of the following:   |  |           |
| REES 110   | Understanding Russia and Eastern Europe                                  |           |
|  | or REES 111 Understanding Russia and Eastern Europe, Honors              |           |
|  | or REES 310 Understanding Russia and Eastern Europe                      |           |
|  | or REES 311 Understanding Russia and Eastern Europe, Honors              |           |
| REES 220   | Societies and Cultures of Eurasia  |           |
|  | or REES 221 Societies and Cultures of Eurasia, Honors                    |           |
| SLAV 140   | Understanding Russia   |           |
|  | or SLAV 141 Understanding Russia, Honors                                 |           |
| HIST 117   | Russia, An Introduction  |           |
| <b>REES Area Studies Electives</b>   |  | <b>15</b> |
| 15 hours of interdisciplinary area studies courses focusing on Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia. Most courses offered by the Department of Slavic, German, and Eurasian Studies count as electives. Other potential courses are listed below. Please note that is only a partial list. CREES posts a list of eligible courses on its website prior to enrollment each semester, and other courses may be approved in consultation with CREES. |  |           |
| ARCH 600   | Special Topics in Architecture: _____ (Socialist Cities)                 |           |
| ECON 505   | History of Economic Analysis   |           |
| GEOG 399   | Topics in Regional Studies: _____ (Geography of the Former Soviet Union) |           |
| GEOG 781   | Environmental Geopolitics  |           |
| GIST 335   | Iran Through Literature and Film   |           |
| HIST 139   | The Global Cold War  |           |
| HIST 333   | Eurometro: Visions of the European Metropolis, 1849-1939                 |           |

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| HIST 334 | The Great War: The History of World War I                          |
| HIST 340 | The History of the Second World War                                |
| HIST 343 | The Holocaust in History   |
| HIST 377 | Everyday Communism in Eastern Europe                               |
| HIST 378 | Beyond the Iron Curtain: Soviet Perspectives on the Cold War       |
| HIST 481 | From Harem to the Streets: Gender in the Middle East, 1900-Present |
| HIST 568 | Rise and Fall of the Soviet Union                                  |
| JWSH 335 | History of Jewish Women  |
| JWSH 338 | Languages of the Jews  |
| JWSH 361 | Jewish Film  |
| MUSC 488 | History of Opera   |
| MUSC 650 | Selected Topics in Music: _____ (Music in Vienna and Prague)       |
| POLS 125 | Intelligence: Supporting National Security                         |
| POLS 301 | Introduction to Political Theory                                   |
| POLS 354 | Politics of Russia and Post-Soviet States                          |
| POLS 363 | Populism and Nationalism   |
| POLS 375 | Russian Foreign Policy   |
| POLS 409 | Topics in Political Theory: _____                                  |
| POLS 463 | Comparative Political Economy                                      |
| REL 107  | Jews, Christians, Muslims  |
| REL 190  | Special Topics in Religion: _____ (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)  |
| SOC 532  | Sociology of the Middle East                                       |
| THR 302  | Undergraduate Seminar in: _____ (Theatre and Genocide)             |
| WGSS 396 | Studies in: _____ (Gendering the Holocaust)                        |

## Minor Hours & Minor GPA

While completing all required courses, minors must also meet each of the following hour and grade-point average minimum standards:

### Minor Hours

Satisfied by 18 hours of minor courses.

### Minor Hours in Residence

Satisfied by a minimum of 9 junior/senior (300+) hours of KU resident credit in the minor.

### Minor Junior/Senior Hours

Satisfied by a minimum of 12 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the minor.

### Minor Graduation GPA

Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in junior/senior courses in the minor. GPA calculations include all junior/senior courses in the field of study including F's and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (<https://sis.ku.edu/gpa-calculator/>).