

MA in Polish, Russian, and Central and Eastern European Studies

Admission Requirements

Applicants are considered on an individual basis. The program will accept and review applications for the fall semester only. Transcripts for all undergraduate and any graduate work must be uploaded along with all other requirements.

In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, applicants must meet the following [program requirements](#) (for details, please consult the department website).

- **Baccalaureate Field** No restrictions. Applicants without a substantial background in Russian or Polish will be considered for admission on limited status only and will be required to acquire an adequate level of language proficiency as outlined below before being granted full standing in the graduate program. Ordinarily an adequate background should include at least 9 semester (12 quarter) hours of upper-division undergraduate work broadly pertinent to the applicant's intended graduate concentration and the level of fluency in the relevant language equivalent to that attained in advanced conversation and composition courses offered by the department.
- **Grade Point Average** At least 3.50/4.00 in courses related to the area of concentration.
- **Tests Required** None. Applicants are urged to take the GRE. Results (if taken) are to be submitted directly from GRE Testing Institution to Office of Admissions (UIC code is: 1851).
- **Minimum English Competency Test Score**
 - **TOEFL iBT** 80, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21, **OR**,
 - **IELTS Academic** 6.5, with 6.0 in each of the four subscores, **OR**,
 - **PTE-Academic** 54, with subscores of Reading 51, Listening 47, Speaking 53, and Writing 56.
- **Letters of Recommendation** (in English) Three required.
- **Personal Statement** Required; 300 words, in English. The statement should summarize the applicant's scholastic experience and career objectives.
- **Samples of Writing** Applicants are required to submit one sample of their written work in English. This should be in the form of an essay for an academic course, 10-page minimum.

Degree Requirements

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 37.
- **Coursework**

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Required Courses | | |
| All students must complete the following courses: | | |
| LCSL 502 | Theoretical and Research Foundations of Communicative Language Teaching (first semester of study) | |
| LCSL 503 | Professional Development Workshop I (first semester of study) | |

LCSL 504 Professional Development Workshop II (highly recommended, but not required)

In addition, students must complete a minimum of 32 semester hours of didactic coursework at the 400 and 500 levels in POL, RUSS, or CEES depending on the student's concentration (Polish Studies, Russian Studies, or Central and Eastern European Studies). Of the 32 hours, at least 12 must be at the 500 level (excluding LCSL 502 and LCSL 503), and at least 3 must be in the student's concentration.

The director of graduate studies must approve courses taken outside the department that are to be used for the 32 hours, including Polish or Russian history courses and CEES courses that are cross-listed with German or History.

- **Comprehensive Examination** Required; written and oral.
- **Thesis, Project, or Coursework-Only Options** Coursework only. No other options are available.
- **Other Requirements** Coursework required for licensure in high school teaching is in addition to the above departmental MA requirements.

Interdepartmental Concentrations

Students earning a graduate degree in this department may complement their courses by enrolling in select concentrations after consulting with their graduate advisor. Interdepartmental concentrations available for this degree include:

- [Gender and Women's Studies](#)
- [Central and Eastern European Studies](#)
- [Violence Studies](#)