

PhD 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 (details available on the [department website](#)).

- **Prior Degrees** BA, MA, or equivalent degree in Polish, Russian, or a related field.
- **Grade Point Average** At least 3.50/4.00 in courses in the concentration for which the candidate is applying.
- **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** Three required.
- **Personal Statement** Required; 500 words minimum, in English. The statement should summarize the applicant's long-term research and professional goals.
- **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:** 96 from the baccalaureate; 64 from the master's degree.
- **Coursework** In addition to the 37 hours required for the master's degree or equivalent, students in the PhD must complete the following:

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Required Courses | | |
| LCSL 504 | Professional Development Workshop II | |
| CEES 599 | Ph.D. Thesis Research | |
| 32 hours of didactic coursework, including: ^a | | |
| CEES 550 | Critical and Theoretical Approaches to Cultural Production in Central and Eastern Europe | |

Three 400- or 500-level POL, RUSS, or CEES courses in the student's concentration of Polish Studies, Russian Studies, or Central and Eastern European Studies

One 400- or 500-level course from the Department of History relevant to the student's concentration

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| CEES 551 | Critical and Theoretical Approaches to Literature in Central and Eastern Europe |
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Students who have completed their MA at another institution will also need to complete the following:

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| LCSL 502 | Theoretical and Research Foundations of Communicative Language Teaching |
| LCSL 503 | Professional Development Workshop I |

- a *Of the 32 didactic hours, at least 12 must be at the 500 level. No more than 4 hours, excluding the required history course, can come from outside the department. Outside courses must be related to the student's concentration and approved by the student's academic advisor and the director of graduate studies.*

Examinations

- **Preliminary Examination:** Required; written and oral.
- **Dissertation** Required. The completed dissertation will be defended in an oral examination. No more than 26 hours of CEES 599 can be applied to the degree. The dissertation should be based on original research in the candidate's concentration, Polish Studies, Russian Studies, or Central and Eastern European Studies.

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](#)