

# BA with a Major in Central and Eastern European Studies—CEES Concentration

**Program Codes:**  
20FT5734BA

## Degree Requirements

To earn a Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Sciences degree from UIC, students must complete university, college, and departmental degree requirements. The Department of Polish, Russian, and Lithuanian Studies degree requirements are outlined below. Students should consult the [College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#) section for additional degree requirements and college academic policies.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Summary of Requirements</b>		
Major Requirements		27
General Education and Electives to reach Minimum Total Hours		93
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>120</b>

## General Education

See General Education and Writing-in-the-Discipline in the [College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#) section for information on meeting these requirements.

## Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
Select one of the following:		4
POL 104	Intermediate Polish II <sup>a</sup>	
RUSS 104	Intermediate Russian II <sup>b</sup>	
LITH 104	Intermediate Lithuanian II	
Note: Students pursuing the Concentration in Central and Eastern European Studies may take POL 104, RUSS 104, or LITH 104.		
Select one of the following: <sup>c,d</sup>		3
CEES 224	Introduction to Literary Analysis of Central Eastern European Texts	
CEES 225	Introduction to Central and Eastern European Cultures	
In addition, students must complete 20 semester hours from the Central and Eastern European Studies Concentration.		20
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>27</b>

<sup>a</sup> Native and heritage speakers who place out of POL 104 should register for POL 201. Placing out of POL 104 may qualify a student for up to 8 hours of retroactive credit. Please consult an LAS advisor for eligibility for retroactive credit after completion of POL 201.

<sup>b</sup> Native and heritage speakers who place out of RUSS 104 should register for RUSS 201. Placing out of RUSS 104 may qualify a student

for up to 8 hours of retroactive credit. Please consult an LAS advisor for eligibility for retroactive credit after completion of RUSS 201.

<sup>c</sup> CEES 224 and CEES 225 fulfill the LAS Writing-in-the-Discipline requirement. If a student takes both CEES 224 and CEES 225, one of these courses may count toward the 20 semester hours required for the concentration.

<sup>d</sup> When LCSL 250 is taught by a faculty member from the Department of Polish, Russian, and Lithuanian Studies, it may be used to satisfy this requirement instead of CEES 224 or CEES 225. Students should consult with their major advisor with questions about eligible sections of LCSL 250.

## Concentration in Central and Eastern European Studies Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses <sup>a</sup></b>		
20 hours of coursework selected from the following:		20
Any CEES course at the 200, 300, and 400 level <sup>d</sup>		
Any Polish course <sup>b</sup>		
Any Russian course <sup>c</sup>		
HIST/JST 117	Understanding the Holocaust	
HIST 137	Russia in War and Revolution, 1904-1922	
HIST 233	East Central Europe and the Balkans: From Empires to Nation-States	
HIST/POLS 234	The Making of Modern Poland	
HIST 235	The Rise and Fall of Communism in Eastern Europe	
HIST 236	Russia Between Europe and Asia: Eurasian Spaces and Peoples in the Premodern Era	
HIST 237	The Russian Empire in the Modern Period: History, Culture and the Challenges of Diversity	
HIST 238	Russia from Vladimir Lenin to Vladimir Putin	
HIST/RUSS 239	Twentieth-Century Russia in Film	
LITH 115	Lithuanian Culture	
LITH 130	Lithuanian Prose Fiction in International Context	
LITH 221	Lithuanian Literature I	
LITH 222	Lithuanian Literature II	
LITH 230	Lithuanian Literature Abroad	
JST 123	Introduction to Yiddish Culture and Literature	
JST 296	Topics in Jewish Studies	
JST 394	Topics in Jewish Studies	
JST 410	Advanced Studies in Jewish Literature, Art and Culture	
LCSL 391	Internship in Global Studies	
LCSL 392	Internship in Global Engagement and Public Humanities	

<sup>a</sup> A maximum of three semester hours in History (including crosslisted courses) may count toward required coursework.

- b No more than 6 semester hours may be completed at the 100 level, and excluding POL 101, POL 102, POL 103, and POL 104. Polish courses cross-listed with the Department of History and CEES topics courses that focus on Polish Studies may be used to fulfill this requirement with approval of the departmental advisor.
- c No more than 6 semester hours may be completed at the 100 level, and excluding RUSS 101, RUSS 102, RUSS 103, and RUSS 104. Russian courses cross-listed with the Department of History and CEES topics courses that focus on Russian Studies may be used to fulfill this requirement with approval of the departmental advisor.
- d A minimum of 9 semester hours must be completed in CEES courses for the concentration in Central and Eastern European Studies.

## Recommended Plan of Study

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
ENGL 160	Academic Writing I: Writing in Academic and Public Contexts	3
POL 101 or RUSS 101 or LITH 101	Elementary Polish I <sup>a</sup> or Elementary Russian I or Elementary Lithuanian I	4
General Education Requirement course		3-5
Quantitative Reasoning course		3-5
<b>Hours</b>		<b>13-17</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
ENGL 161	Academic Writing II: Writing for Inquiry and Research	3
POL 102 or RUSS 102 or LITH 102	Elementary Polish II <sup>a</sup> or Elementary Russian II or Elementary Lithuanian II	4
General Education Requirement course		4-5
General Education Requirement course		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14-15</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
POL 103 or RUSS 103 or LITH 103	Intermediate Polish I <sup>a</sup> or Intermediate Russian I or Intermediate Lithuanian I	4
Concentration course		3
General Education Requirement course		3-5
General Education Requirement course		3
Elective		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16-18</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
POL 104 or RUSS 104 or LITH 104	Intermediate Polish II or Intermediate Russian II or Intermediate Lithuanian II	4
Concentration course <sup>b</sup>		3
General Education Requirement course		3
General Education Requirement course		3
Elective		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
CEES 224 or CEES 225	Introduction to Literary Analysis of Central Eastern European Texts or Introduction to Central and Eastern European Cultures	3
Concentration course		3
General Education Requirement course		3
General Education Requirement course/Elective		3

Elective	3
<b>Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>	
Concentration course	3
General Education Requirement course/Elective	3
Electives	9
<b>Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Fourth Year</b>	
<b>Fall Semester</b>	
Concentration course(s) <sup>b</sup>	3-6
Electives	13
<b>Hours</b>	<b>16-19</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>	
Concentration course	3
Concentration course	3
Electives	9
<b>Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>120</b>

- a 101, 102, and 103 basic language courses do not count toward the major requirements.
- b CEES 224 and CEES 225 satisfy the Writing-in-the-Discipline requirement.