

## CENTER FOR RUSSIAN, EAST EUROPEAN & EURASIAN STUDIES

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**DESCRIPTION:** The Center for Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies (CREES) at the University of Kansas has been a US/ED Title VI Comprehensive National Resource Center for the Russian-Eurasian area since 1965; KU's Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies Program has been an interdisciplinary academic program since 1959.

- ♦ Russian language since 1943; area certificate since 1959; interdisciplinary M.A. degree since 1968;
- ♦ Ph.D.s with Russian, East European or Eurasian concentration in all core disciplines;
- ♦ Specialization tracks in Russian, Polish, Balkan, and Ukrainian language and area studies;
- ♦ The most comprehensive Center for Russia, East Europe & Eurasia serving the Great Plains.

**MISSION:** The mission of the Center for Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies, as resource center and as academic program, is:

- ♦ To meet the national need for Russian, East European & Eurasian specialists in all sectors by producing students with superior training in language and area studies, providing professional mentoring, enhancement, and opportunity for study and research abroad;
- ♦ To support REES students and faculty in their research and intellectual enhancement so that they can become and remain superior teachers, scholars, and mentors;
- ♦ To be a resource locally, regionally, and nationally, providing outreach, support services, and information to other KU units, K-16, government, military, civic, community, and business constituencies.

### **DEGREE PROGRAMS:**

- ♦ B.A. co-major (interdisciplinary Russian/East European/Eurasian area dimension joined with traditional disciplinary study);
- ♦ Minor
- ♦ M.A. in Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies in Russian, Polish, Ukrainian, Balkan, or general East European tracks;
- ♦ Ph.D. with area focus in all major disciplines;
- ♦ Ph.D.-granting Department of Slavic Languages & Literatures with capacity to teach 10 area languages;
- ♦ 9 FLAS Academic Year Fellowships and 5-10 Summer FLASes awarded annually;
- ♦ REES has hosted more U.S. Army Foreign Area Officers than any other single area program;
- ♦ Over 335 M.A. degrees in Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies awarded since 1968.

### **FACULTY:**

- ♦ 62 core teaching faculty members, including 15 language specialists, 19 humanists, and 18 social scientists, representing 15 cooperating departments of the College and 4 professional schools;
- ♦ REES faculty are internationally visible in their field and have extensive foreign experience;
- ♦ 12-16 visiting foreign faculty and scholars enhance & expand KU offerings and serve as regional resources each year.

### **ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITIES:**

- ♦ Over 50 enhancement events annually include brown bags, lecture series, workshops for professionals, special exhibitions, plays, films, roundtables, and academic conferences;
- ♦ CREES's Outreach and Academic Conferences attract scholars, educators, teachers, business and government representatives, interested community members from the region, the nation, and the world;
- ♦ Over 85% of REES students participate in study abroad programs in St. Petersburg (Russia), Krakow (Poland), L'viv (Ukraine), Zagreb (Croatia), as well as other sites;
- ♦ Significant grant activity to support Center programs, study abroad, visiting faculty, instructional program, KU faculty travel; US/ED, State Department, USAID, and other Training Programs for NIS government, business, and academic participants; funding for language proficiency testing, library acquisitions, conferences, and outreach;
- ♦ Sponsor of *The Russian Review*, an American quarterly devoted to Russia past and present.

### **OUTREACH:**

- ♦ Educational outreach to K-12, two- and four-year institutions; teacher training; workshops; in-service programs;
- ♦ Assistance with curriculum development, teacher newsletters, video resources, and media liaison;
- ♦ CREES Fellows Program for area specialists at Kansas Regents, Big 12, and Great Plains institutions;
- ♦ Collaboration with variety of regional institutions: Haskell Indian Nations University, Mid-America Consortium for International Education, Robert Dole Institute of Politics, Foreign Military Studies Office and Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas National Guard, International Relations Council, etc.

### **LIBRARY:**

- ♦ 460,000 vols. of Slavica; over 270,000 vols. in East European/Eurasian languages; 1200 newspapers and periodicals;
- ♦ Three professional Slavic bibliographers;
- ♦ The major Slavic collection between the University of Illinois and University of California-Berkeley.