



The University of Kansas

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. and undergraduate minor in Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies;
- 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;
- 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;
- REES's Outreach and Academic Conferences attract scholars, educators, teachers, business and government representatives, interested community members from the region, the nation, and the world;
- 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, 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:

- 500,000 vols. of Slavica; over 370,000 vols. in East European/Eurasian languages;
- 1200 newspapers and periodicals;
- Three professional Slavic bibliographers;
- The largest and most important library collection of Russian/East European/Eurasian materials between the Mississippi River and the Pacific Coast region.