



MASTER OF ARTS IN

SLAVIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES



OVERVIEW

Since the launch of its Master of Arts in Slavic and East European Studies in 1989, the Center for Slavic and East European Studies is proud to have a strong history in educating the next generation of Foreign Area Officers. The Master of Arts in Slavic and East European Studies is an interdisciplinary program designed to deepen a student's understanding of a country or region in Eastern Europe or Eurasia and to increase the student's language skills to the advanced level. As part of the degree, the student selects a specialization in consultation with a chosen faculty advisor. Upon completing the program, Foreign Area Officer students have the language skills and knowledge of the political, economic, cultural, and historical issues that enables them to analyze effectively the issues affecting the region today.

DEGREE OPTIONS

Two degree options are available for Foreign Area Officers

A Master of Arts in Slavic and East European Studies, which can be completed in 18 months (four academic semesters) or

A Mid-Career Professional Track in Slavic and East European Studies that can be completed in 12 months (three academic semesters)

Master of Arts in Slavic and East European Studies

38 semester credit hours required for completion

- One required course: Slavic 6501, Introduction to Slavic Studies
- Courses from three or more disciplines
- Courses in at least two different colleges or divisions within the College of Arts and Sciences
- At least nine credit hours at the 6000-level or above
- At least nine credit hours in the student's specialization
- May take up to six credit hours of guided independent study
- No more than six credit hours at the 4000-level

Exit requirement: either writing a thesis or MA exam

Mid-Career Professional Track in Slavic and East European Studies

30 semester credit hours required for completion

- One required course: Slavic 6501, Introduction to Slavic Studies
- Courses from three or more disciplines
- Courses in at least two different colleges or divisions within the College of Arts and Sciences
- At least nine credit hours at the 6000-level or above
- At least nine credit hours in the student's specialization
- May take up to six credit hours of guided independent study
- No more than six credit hours at the 4000-level

Exit requirement: writing an MA exam

ADVISING

Each student has two advisors

Based on their field of interest and within the first year of the program, students select their faculty advisor with whom they will work on their exam or thesis, and CSEES' assistant director functions as the student's program advisor and oversees the student's progress towards degree completion.



ACADEMIC BENEFITS

- Approved low-cost designation - active duty service members are eligible for in-state tuition
- Excellent regional study options for politics, culture, history, and law of the region that cover the Balkans, Central Asia, Central Europe, and Eastern Europe, including Russia
- Ability to work closely with world-renowned, expert faculty
- Opportunity for continued language study
- Summer semester coursework available
- Rigorous program advising by CSEES staff and faculty advisor
- Assistance and familiarity with completing required paperwork for FAOs
- Thesis or exam graduation option
- Proximity to a DLPT testing center in the Columbus suburb of Gahanna
- Ability to defer enrollment after completing application to desired start date
- Established track record with FAOs - 15 FAOs have graduated from our program since 1991, with 2 currently in coursework
- Access to the Mershon Center for International Security Studies

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

- Support from Ohio State's Military and Veterans Services
- Low cost of living
- Access to high-quality K-12 education and schools
- Family friendly neighborhoods such as Bexley, Dublin, Gahanna, Grandview, Grove City, Hilliard, Powell, Reynoldsburg, Upper Arlington, Westerville, and Worthington
- In-state tuition for spouses and dependents of active duty service members
- Living in a thriving, developing Midwestern city
- Big 10 sports!

INTERESTED?

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