Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies

Courses offered by the Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies are listed under the subject code REES on the [Stanford Explore Courses website](http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/CourseSearch/search?view=catalog&catalog=&page=0&q=REES&filter-catalognumber=REES=on). Information on the center's degree programs and other activities related to Russia, Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and the Caucasus and its degree programs are directed by the CREEES Steering Committee, composed of faculty members associated with the Center. The program draws on the strengths of nationally recognized area faculty and research affiliates and significant library and archival collections at Stanford. The Center is a U.S. Department of Education Title VI National Resource Center for Russia, East Europe, and Eurasia.

**Undergraduate Programs in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies**

Students interested in a minor should consult the Director of Undergraduate Studies in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures which offers the following relevant minors:

- Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies
- Russian Language
- Russian Language, Literature, and Culture
- Russian Culture

**Slavic Theme House**

Slavianskii Dom (SlavDom), at 650 Mayfield Avenue, is an undergraduate residence which houses 50 students and offers a wide variety of opportunities to expand knowledge, understanding and appreciation of Russia and the nations of East Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia.

**Overseas Studies Programs**

Undergraduates interested in the study of languages, history, culture and social organization of the countries of Russia, Eurasia and East Europe may apply to study at the Stanford centers in Istanbul and Berlin. Information about these programs is available at the Bing Overseas Studies Program (http://bosp.stanford.edu) web site.

**Graduate Programs in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies**

The center offers an M.A. in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies, a coterminal M.A. in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies, and a joint M.A./J.D. in conjunction with the Stanford Law School.

**Learning Outcomes (Graduate)**

The purpose of the master’s program and the joint M.A./J.D. program is to further develop knowledge and skills in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies and to prepare students for a professional career or doctoral studies. This is achieved through completion of courses, in the primary field as well as related areas, and experience with independent work and specialization.

**Financial Aid**

Subject to funding, CREEES may have a limited number of Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships for U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Additional financial aid may also be available from CREEES. Applicants to the M.A. program have priority in the annual FLAS competition; in recent years CREEES has also awarded FLAS fellowships to students enrolled in the School of Education and the School of Law. Consult the CREEES associate director for further information about the application and award process. Applications for FLAS fellowships can be obtained at the CREEES ([CREEES.stanford.edu/grants](http://CREEES.stanford.edu/grants)) web site.

**Doctoral Programs**

Since the University does not offer a Ph.D. in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies, students wishing to pursue a REEES-related doctoral program must apply to one of the departments offering a Ph.D. with an emphasis on Russian, Eurasia, or Eastern Europe, such as the departments of History, Anthropology, Political Science, or Slavic Languages and Literatures.

**Undergraduate Minor in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies**

Students interested in a minor should consult the "Minors in Slavic Languages and Literatures ([http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/archive/2014-15/schoolofhumanitiesandsciences/slaviclanguagesandliteratures/#minortext](http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/archive/2014-15/schoolofhumanitiesandsciences/slaviclanguagesandliteratures/#minortext))" section of this bulletin which describes the following relevant minors:

- Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies
- Russian Language
- Russian Language, Literature, and Culture
- Russian Culture

**Master of Arts in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies**

CREEES offers a one-year interdisciplinary master's degree program in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies for students with a strong prior language and area studies background.

The program structure allows students the flexibility to pursue their particular academic interests, while providing intellectual cohesion through a required core curriculum that addresses historical and contemporary processes of change in the Russian Federation, Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and Central Asia.

The core curriculum consists of three courses (one each quarter) and the REES 200 core seminar series. The program may be taken separately or coterminally with a bachelor's degree program.

The interdisciplinary M.A. program typically serves four types of students:
1. Those who intend to apply to a Ph.D. program involving Russian, East European and Eurasian studies and who need to enhance their academic skills and credentials
2. Those who intend to pursue careers and/or advanced degrees in such fields as journalism, education, business, government, law, or medicine, and who wish to establish competence in Russian, East European and Eurasian studies.
3. Those who are mid-career professionals and/or students interested in gaining competence or continuing their interest in and wish to gain competence in Russian, East European and Eurasian studies.

Advising
The advising structure is two-tiered: each M.A. candidate works with the CREEES associate director who advises on the program of course work and monitors the student's progress toward completing the degree. Candidates are also assigned a faculty adviser from the Academic Council faculty, who provides intellectual and academic guidance.

Admission
Applicants apply electronically; see the Office of Graduate Admissions (http://gradadmissions.stanford.edu) web site for a link to the electronic application and general information regarding graduate admission. In addition, prospective applicants may consult with the CREEES associate director regarding the application process.

To qualify for admission to the program, the following apply:
1. Applicants must have earned a B.A. or B.S. degree, or the equivalent.
2. At least three years of college-level language study in Russian, an East European or Central Asian language is preferred. Candidates with fewer years of area language study will be considered.
3. A one-page statement of purpose that explains how the program would advance the applicant's academic or career goals.
4. Applicants must include the following additional materials in their online application: a writing sample of 20 pages or less in English on an academic topic in Russian, East European, or Eurasian studies and a resume of college-level courses taken that are relevant to Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies, including language courses, with self-reported final grades. These additional materials may be uploaded as "Additional Materials" in a single file along with the application.
5. Applicants must send official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended to Graduate Admissions, Office of the University Registrar.
6. All applicants must take the General Test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and have the results sent to Graduate Admissions, Office of the University Registrar.
7. Applicants whose native language is not English and do not possess a U.S. bachelor's degree are expected to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and have the results sent to Graduate Admissions, Office of the University Registrar.

The deadline for submission of applications for admission and for financial aid is December 9, 2014. Admission is normally granted for Autumn Quarter, but requests for exceptions are considered.

The successful applicant generally demonstrates the following strengths: requisite foreign language study, significant course work in Russian, East European and Eurasian studies in multiple disciplines, outstanding grades in previous academic work, strong analytical writing skills, high GRE scores (particularly verbal and analytical writing), study or work experience in the region, strong letters of recommendation from faculty members in the Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies field (one letter may be from a language instructor), and a persuasive statement of purpose explaining how the program would advance the applicant's academic and career goals.

Degree Requirements
Candidates for the M.A. degree must meet University requirements for an M.A. degree as described in the "Graduate Degrees (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/archive/2014-15/graduatedegrees/)" section of this bulletin.

The M.A. program in REES can ordinarily be completed in one academic year by a well-prepared student; longer periods of study are permitted.

Requirements to complete the interdisciplinary M.A. degree are principally ones of distribution, with the exception of three required core courses and a core seminar, as described below. Each student, with the advice of the CREEES associate director, selects courses according to the student's interests, needs, and goals.

All students in the M.A. REES program must complete a minimum of 48 academic credit units within the following guidelines.

1. Core Courses: Students must complete the following core courses during the 2014-15 academic year for 5 units each: REES 301B History and Politics in Russian and Eastern European Cinema during Autumn Quarter (5 units), HISTORY 321A State, Society and Nation in Modern Russian Historiography during Winter Quarter (5 units), and REES 313 Transformation of Socialist Societies during Spring Quarter (5 units).
2. Core Seminar Series: REES 200 Current Issues in Russian, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies is required of all students in the M.A. program in Autumn and Winter quarters (2 units total). The goal of this seminar series is to survey current methodological and substantive issues in Russian, Eastern European and Eurasian studies, acquaint students with Stanford resources and faculty, and present professional development and career options.
3. Interdisciplinary Course Work: All courses (other than language courses and approved activity courses) must be taken on the graduate level (200-level or higher). Courses in Russian, Eastern European and Eurasian studies must be completed and distributed among at least three disciplines. All course work applied to the 48-unit minimum must deal primarily with Russian, Eurasian, or Eastern European studies.
4. Language Study: Students in the program are encouraged to study Russian, an East European or Central Asian language, or a language from the Caucasus. Credit towards the 48-unit minimum (maximum 4 units per quarter, 12 units total) is allowed for advanced language work.
5. Course work qualifying for the 48-unit minimum must have a letter grade of 'B' or higher. ('B-' does not count for degree credit, nor does 'CR'). Students may apply a maximum of three units of course work with a final grade of 'S' to the 48-unit minimum. 'S' units counting towards the 48-unit minimum must be approved by the CREEES associate director.
6. All courses counting towards the 48-unit minimum must be approved by the CREEES associate director, who ensures that planned course work satisfies requirements towards the degree. The CREEES director and steering committee determine the requirements. The list of pre-approved courses for the current academic year appears below. Students can petition to have courses that do not appear on this list counted towards the degree.
7. Capstone Requirement: Students must complete a capstone project (research paper and/or research presentation) in consultation with a faculty adviser, the CREEES director and associate director. Students will enroll in a capstone seminar for 1 unit in Spring quarter.

Pre-approved courses for 2014-15
The following courses are those that have been pre-approved to satisfy the M.A. interdisciplinary course work requirement for 2014-15. Students may choose from:

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### Coterminal Master's Program in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies

University requirements for the coterminal M.A. are described in the "Coterminal Bachelor's and Master's Degrees [http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/archive/2014-15/cotermdegrees]" section of this bulletin. For University coterminal degree program rules and University application forms, see the Publications and Online Guides [http://studentaffairs.stanford.edu/registrar/publications/#Coterm] web site and by request from the Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies.

To qualify for a coterminal M.A. degree in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, besides completing University requirements for the B.A. degree, a student must:

1. Submit a coterminal application for admission to the program no later than the quarter prior to the expected completion of the undergraduate degree, normally Winter Quarter prior to Spring Quarter graduation. Students with advanced placement and transfer credit must apply at least four quarters before the expected master's degree conferral date. The deadline for all coterminal applications to the M.A. program in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies is December 9, 2014.

2. Include in the application a proposal which outlines, by quarter, the schedule of courses the student plans to complete toward the M.A. degree. The student should seek the advice of the CREEES associate director in drafting this schedule. The application also should include:
   a. a current Stanford transcript
   b. a one-page statement of purpose
   c. three letters of recommendation from Stanford faculty (one may be from a language instructor)
   d. a writing sample of 20 pages or less in English on an academic topic in Russian, East European, or Eurasian Studies

3. Applicants must have a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 (B). Coterminal applicants must take the general test of the Graduate Record Examination and have the results sent to Graduate Admissions, Office of the University Registrar.

4. Complete 15 full-time quarters or the equivalent, or three quarters of 48 units for the master's degree.

   The same courses may not be counted towards both undergraduate and graduate requirements, and no courses taken before the junior year may be used to meet the course requirements for the master's degree.

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Other courses may be counted towards the M.A. by special arrangement with the instructor and the CREEES associate director.

A description of the M.A. program is also available on the web at the CREEES [http://CREEES.stanford.edu/academic/graduate-masters.html] web site and by request from the Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies.
Joint Degree Program in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies

The joint degree program in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies and Law allows students to pursue the M.A. degree in REES concurrently with the Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) degree, with a significant number of courses that may apply to both degrees. It is designed to train students interested in a career in teaching, research, or the practice of law related to REES legal affairs. Students must apply separately to the REES M.A. program and to the Stanford School of Law and be accepted by both. Completing this combined course of study requires approximately four academic years, depending on the student’s background and level of language training. For more information, see the Joint Degree Programs (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/archive/2014-15/graduatedegrees/#jointdegreestext) section of this bulletin and the Stanford Law School (http://www.law.stanford.edu)’s website. Students who have been accepted by both programs should consult with the departments to determine which courses can be double-counted.

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Courses

REES 18. Understanding the Jews of Russia and Poland. 1 Unit.
A preparatory course, for field trip to Moscow and Warsaw, that would cover Russian and Polish History, former Soviet Jewry, international relations, and current social realities.

REES 23. Issues in Global Health: Russia and Eastern Europe. 1-2 Unit.
Activity course features Stanford faculty and researchers who lecture weekly on their experiences working international health issues. Focus this year will be on the global region including Russia, and East Europe.

REES 35. Films of Central Asia. 1-2 Unit.
Films with English subtitles from Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Turkmenistan. May be repeated once for credit. (AU).

REES 54A. Central Asia Through Films: A Weekly 3-Hour Seminar. 3-5 Units.
Through films this course explores major issues of contemporary peoples of Central Asia while learning fundamental concepts in cultural anthropology. In this seminar we will consider a wide range of examples, including first of all the new feature films, which will be used as a window into the modern reality and therefore could be served in a certain sense as anthropological fieldwork data. Films are prearranged by the instructor according to certain thematic subjects for in-class discussions. Same as ANTHRO 54A

REES 84. Zionism. 3 Units.
(Same as HISTORY 184. History majors and others taking 5 units, register for 184.) Hotly contested still, this course will open up the movement’s ideas, practices, achievements and crises in such a way as to allow students to hear the fullest range of voices - Jewish, Arab, religious, secular, etc. It will track the movement from its appearance in the late nineteenth century until the establishment of State of Israel in 1948, and beyond. Same as: CSRE 84, HISTORY 84, JEWISHST 84

REES 100. Current Issues in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies. 1-2 Unit.
Enrollment limited to REES students. Scholars present analyses of methodologies, challenges, and current issues in the study of Russia, Europe, and Eurasia.

REES 105. Central and East European Politics. 5 Units.
Focus is on how the states of Central and East Europe, including the Baltic states, have moved from communism and the Soviet Bloc to democracy, NATO and the EU. Topics include the communist legacy, transitions and their legacies, ethnic issues, and the evolution of economic and social policies, and the comparison of democratization processes in these countries to democracies in other regions, such as Latin America and southern Europe.

Same as: REES 205
REES 130. With God in Russia: Orthodox Christianity in the 19th and 20th Centuries. 4-5 Units.
The experience of religion, particularly Orthodoxy, under tsars and commissars. Religion as a lived experience; practice and belief in the provinces and villages, intertwining of religion and folk customs (the so-called double faith); condition of the Church before and after the Revolutions of 1917; religion under Soviet control; and liberation of the Church since the collapse of the Soviet Union.
Same as: REES 330

REES 145D. Jewish American Literature. 5 Units.
Fiction of Jewish-American writers across the 20th and into the 21st centuries, both immigrants and subsequent generations of native-born Jews, to show how the topic of assimilation is thematized in the literature and to evaluate the distinguishability of Jewish-American literature as a minority literature.
Same as: JEWISHST 155D

REES 184. Zionism. 5 Units.
(Same as History 84.) Hotly contested still, this course will open up the movement’s ideas, practices, achievements and crises in such a way as to allow students to hear the fullest range of voices - Jewish, Arab, religious, secular, etc. It will track the movement from its appearance in the late nineteenth century until the establishment of State of Israel in 1948, and beyond.
Same as: CSRE 184C, HISTORY 184, JEWISHST 184

REES 200. Current Issues in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies. 1-2 Unit.
Enrollment limited to REES students. Scholars present analyses of methodologies, challenges, and current issues in the study of Russia, E. Europe, and Eurasia.

REES 205. Central and East European Politics. 5 Units.
Focus is on how the states of Central and East Europe, including the Baltic states, have moved from communism and the Soviet Bloc to democracy, NATO and the EU. Topics include the communist legacy, transitions and their legacies, ethnic issues, and the evolution of economic and social policies, and the comparison of democratization processes in these countries to democracies in other regions, such as Latin America and southern Europe.
Same as: REES 105

REES 208C. Architecture, Acoustics and Ritual in Byzantium. 1-3 Unit.
Onassis Seminar "Icons of Sound: Architecture, Acoustics and Ritual in Byzantium". This year-long seminar explores the creation and operations of sacred space in Byzantium by focusing on the intersection of architecture, acoustics, music, and ritual. Through the support of the Onassis Foundation (USA), nine leading scholars in the field share their research and conduct the discussion of their pre-circulated papers. The goal is to develop a new interpretive framework for the study of religious experience and assemble the research tools needed for work in this interdisciplinary field.
Same as: ARCHLGY 208C, ARTHIST 208C, CLASSICS 175, MUSIC 208C, MUSIC 408C, REES 408C, RELIG 208C, RELIG 308C

REES 219. The Russian Economy. 4-5 Units.
Brief introduction to the economic history of Russia, general overview of the modern Russian economy with analysis of its macroeconomic features and dynamics, industrial structure, and the major institutional features that are important for understanding Russian economic development. The period of transition from Soviet-type planned economy to a market economy and market reforms (1991-1998), the period of economic growth (1999-2007), and the economic development of Russia during the current global crisis of 2008-2010. Analysis of Russiasupal’s social structure and social policy, labor markets, the regional structure of the economy, the role of the state, and major Russian industries (oil, metals, machinery). Emphasis on the specific institutional aspects that have shaped Russia's economic development.
Same as: ECON 119

REES 220A. Literature and Cultural Politics in the Former Yugoslavia. 3-5 Units.
Socialist Yugoslavia disintegrated after 46 years. The story is a telling one, let's read it! Literature in Yugoslavia went through transformations from socialist-realism at the beginning toward nationalist-realism at the end. To understand this process, it is crucial to relate it to its political and ideological background: social myths and taboos, questions of language, cultural and class identity, individual and collective rights. These issues will be explored through fictional texts by prominent Yugoslav writers, including Ivo Andric, Miroslav Krleza, Milos Crnjanski, Mesa Selimovic, Danilo Kis.
Same as: REES 320A

REES 224A. The Soviet Civilization. 4-5 Units.
Socialist visions and practices of the organization of society and messianic politics; the Soviet understanding of mass violence, political and ethnic; and living space. Primary and secondary sources. Research paper or historiographical essay.
Same as: HISTORY 224A, HISTORY 424A

REES 227. All Quiet on the Eastern Front? East Europe and Russia in the First World War. 3-5 Units.
Until recently history has been comparatively quiet about the experience of World War I in the east. Far from being a peripheral theater of war, however, the experiences of war on the Eastern Front were central to shaping the 20th century. Not only was the first shot of the war fired in the east, it was also the site of the most dramatic political revolution. Using scholarly texts, literature and film, this course combines political, military, cultural and social approaches to introduce the causes, conduct and consequences of World War I with a focus on the experiences of soldiers and civilians on the Eastern Front. Topics include: the war of movement, occupation, extreme violence against civilians, the Armenian genocide, population exchanges, the Russian Revolution and civil war, and the disintegration of empires and rise of nation-states.
Same as: HISTORY 227D, HISTORY 327D, REES 327

REES 231. Russia, the West and the Rest. 4 Units.
Focus on understanding the diversity of political, social, and economic outcomes in Russia since the collapse of the Soviet Union. Exploration of questions, including: Is Russia still a global power? Where does it have influence internationally, how much, and why? Developmentally, what is the relevant comparison set of countries? Is Russia’s economic growth over the last decade truly similar to Brazil, China, and India or is it more comparable to Kazakhstan, Nigeria, and Kenya? How has Russia’s domestic political trajectory from liberalizing country to increasingly autocratic affected its foreign policy toward Ukraine, Georgia, and other formerly Soviet states? Finally, is Russia’s reemergence as an important global actor more apparent than real?.
Same as: IPS 231

REES 240. Post-Socialist Heritages: memorialisation, past mastering and nostalgia in Eurasia. 3-5 Units.
The post-Soviet story is far from resolved! While national identities and geopolitical alliances are being (re)negotiated across Eurasia, unresolved atrocities continue to reopen old wounds. Within this process the past is skillfully embraced to support and sustain conflicting political discourses. Drawing on a variety of highly topical case studies this course will explore the main dynamics and historically entrenched structures that define how the past plays out in the present since the disintegration of the Soviet Empire.
Same as: ARCHLGY 140, ARCHLGY 240
REES 244A. Practice of Everyday Life in Kazakhstan: From Nomadism to Modernity. 3-5 Units.
An interdisciplinary introduction to the historically nomadic land of Kazakhstan, its peoples and their lifestyles inquest: the practice of everyday life. Ranked as the ninth largest country in the world, Kazakhstan is also the world's largest landlocked country; its territory is greater than Western Europe: it stretches from the fringes of Europe to the borders of Mongolia and China. The seminar surveys language and society, traditional economics and customary law, rituals and folk customs, local dwelling, craft and art, the cultural panorama, the historical relationship between sedentary and nomadic peoples as well as new approaches to the study of nomads in modernity. Speaking of the present time, we will follow the changing nomads in a changing world. The instructor is going to base, to the extent possible, on the extremely rich fieldwork data recently discovered in Kazakhstan -- the data is yet little known in the West. The seminar will make extensive use of audio-visual materials and films.
Same as: ANTHRO 144A

REES 247A. Folklore, Mythology, and Islam in Central Asia. 3-5 Units.
Central Asia, women's culture, myths, and beliefs from ancient time to modernity. Life crisis rites, magic ceremonies, songs, tales, narratives, taboos associated with childbirth, marriage, folk medicine, and calendrical transitions. The nature and the place of the shaman in the region. Sources include music from the fieldwork of the instructor and the Kyrgyz epoch Manas. The cultural universe of Central Asian peoples as a symbol of their modern outlook.
Same as: ANTHRO 147A

REES 250A. Minaret and Mahallah: Women and Islam in Central Asia. 3-5 Units.
Introduction to women's culture and art in Muslim countries of Central Asia. Women, bearers of family rites and folklore, are the key figures in transmission of traditional culture and guardians of folk Islam. Women helped to keep the continuity of Islamic education in Central Asia during the harsh times of Communist dominance. The whole wealth of women's oral tradition will be demonstrated and examined to the extent possible. The course will make broad use of audio-visual materials.
Same as: ANTHRO 150A, FEMGEN 150A

REES 299. Directed Reading. 1-12 Unit.

REES 300. MA Capstone Seminar. 1-3 Unit.
Required for and limited to REES MA candidates. Colloquia with CREEES Director and Associate Director to assist with refinement of research topic, advisor support, literature review, research, and thesis writing.

REES 301. An Introduction to Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies. 5 Units.
This seminar investigates the origins and evolution of the field and exposes students to major debates about the history, geography, politics, societies, economies, cultures, and languages of the region.

REES 301B. History and Politics in Russian and Eastern European Cinema. 5 Units.
From 1945 to the mid-80s, emphasizing Polish, Hungarian, Czech, Slovak, and Yugoslav contexts. The relationship between art and politics; postwar establishment of film industries; and emergence of national film movements such as the Polish school, Czech new wave, and new Yugoslav film. Thematic and aesthetic preoccupations of filmmakers such as Wajda, Jancso, Forman, and Kusturica.
Same as: FILMSTUD 245B, FILMSTUD 445B

REES 312. Socio-Economic Issues in Contemporary Russia and Eastern. 3-5 Units.
Course focuses on the political dynamics of market liberalization and response to economic crisis in these emerging markets, including the sources of support and opposition to reform, the interplay between international organizations and domestic politics, and the challenges of protecting the losers of economic liberalization.

REES 313. Transformation of Socialist Societies. 3-5 Units.
A quarter-century from the fall of the Berlin Wall, we have gained broad perspective on the challenges of wholesale transformations away from socialism. This course explores the process and social consequences of opening the economies of Eastern Europe, Eurasia, and China to market forces. We will answer questions about how individuals and social systems respond to the particular challenges of rapid economic and political openings, including demographic challenges, corruption, nationalism, and growing inequality. We will compare the Eastern European and Post-Soviet experiences of these issues with the Chinese experience, and highlight the similarities and distinctions between transformations in these societies.
Same as: SOC 313A

REES 320. State and Nation Building in Central Asia. 3-5 Units.
Issues of identity, development, and security following the dissolution of the Soviet Union and the emergence of independent states in Central Asia and the Southern Caucasus. Topics include the impact of 9/11, the spread of radical Islamist movements in the region, its growing role as a transit route for drugs, weapons, and possibly nuclear materials, the impact of the Soviet legacy, the nature of political and economic transformations, relations with neighboring countries, security challenges, and options facing U.S. policy makers.

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Same as: REES 220A

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Same as: HISTORY 227D, HISTORY 327D, REES 227

REES 330. With God in Russia: Orthodox Christianity in the 19th and 20th Centuries. 4-5 Units.
The experience of religion, particularly Orthodoxy, under tsars and commissars. Religion as a lived experience; practice and belief in the provinces and villages, intertwining of religion and folk customs (the so-called double faith); condition of the Church before and after the Revolutions of 1917: religion under Soviet control; and liberation of the Church since the collapse of the Soviet Union.
Same as: REES 130

REES 335A. Animism and Alter-Native Modernities. 5 Units.
For many years indigenous knowledges were treated as a field of research for anthropologists and as "mistaken epistemologies," i.e., unscientific and irrational folklore and childish worldviews. This old view of animism was a product of the evolutionist and anthropocentric worldview of the Enlightenment. However within the framework of ecological humanities, current interest in posthumanism, postsecularism and discussions on building altermodernity (Michael Hardt and Antonio Negri), indigenous thought is used to critique modern epistemology and develop an alternative to the Western worldview. Treating native thought as an equivalent to Western knowledge is presented as a decolonizing and liberating practice. The term alter-native modernities as response to the challenges of Euromodernity and suggests modernities that might emerge out of indigenous ways of being in the world. Comparison between literature on indigenous cultures from Latin America and from Russia (animism in Amazonia and Siberia). Following recent works by anthropologists and archaeologists such as Nurit Bird-Rose, Philippe Descola, Graham Harvey, Tim Ingold and Viveiros de Castro, new animism is treated as an alternative (relational) ontology that allows rethinking the problem of matter and agency, goes beyond human exceptionalism and embraces non-humans. Topics include: alternative and alter-native modernities; Jean Piaget's theory of childhood animism; problem of anthropomorphism and personification; indigenous knowledge and the problem of epistemic violence; vitalist materialism (Jane Bennett, Rosi Braidotti); connectedness as the principle of life (relational epistemologies and ontologies); non-human agency (Bruno Latour).
Same as: ANTHRO 335A, FRENCH 335A

REES 408C. Architecture, Acoustics and Ritual in Byzantium. 1-3 Unit.
Onassis Seminar "Icons of Sound: Architecture, Acoustics and Ritual in Byzantium". This year-long seminar explores the creation and operations of sacred space in Byzantium by focusing on the intersection of architecture, acoustics, music, and ritual. Through the support of the Onassis Foundation (USA), nine leading scholars in the field share their research and conduct the discussion of their pre-circulated papers. The goal is to develop a new interpretive framework for the study of religious experience and assemble the research tools needed for work in this interdisciplinary field.
Same as: ARTHIST 208C, ARTHIST 408C, CLASSICS 175, MUSIC 208C, MUSIC 408C, REES 208C, RELIGST 208C, RELIGST 308C

REES 409. Iconoclasm. 5 Units.
Iconoclasm, iconophobia, and aniconism as markers of cultural transformation of the Mediterranean in the 7th-9th centuries. The identity crisis in the region as the Arabs established the Umayyad caliphate, conquering the Holy Land, Egypt, and Spain. The West consolidated around the Carolingians versus the East split between the Byzantines and the Arabs. How each of these three empires emerged from the ashes of late antique culture and carved an identity out of a common cultural foundation. The course will take place in the seminar room of the Art and Architectural Library located in the Cummings Art Building.
Same as: ARTHIST 209C, ARTHIST 409, CLASSICS 158, CLASSICS 258