



International Division
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

CENTER FOR RUSSIA, EAST EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA

OVERVIEW

Established in 1997, the Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia (CREECA) at UW-Madison is a prestigious **Title VI National Resource Center**. Located within the Institute for Regional and International Studies—a unit of the International Division—CREECA's mission is to support research, teaching, and outreach on Russia, Eastern and Central Europe, and Central Asia. They also provide important community collaboration, K-12 outreach, fellowship opportunities, and more.

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Examples of course offerings:

-  **Lit Trans 207:** Slavic Science Fiction through Literature and Film
-  **Poli Sci 344:** The Russian War on Ukraine: Causes and Consequences
-  **Slavic 254:** The Culture of Dissent in Eastern and Central Europe

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

CREECA offers a wide range of reputable fellowships and grants, including but not limited to:

Title VIII Fellowships: Funded by the U.S. Department of State, these awards cover tuition and provide a stipend for students of the Central Eurasian Studies Summer Institute.

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships: FLAS fellowships are funded by the U.S. Department of Education and administered by the UW's National Resource Centers to assist students in acquiring foreign language and area studies competencies.

CREECA Graduate Student Short-Term Research Awards: Current UW-Madison graduate and professional school students of any discipline may apply for short-term travel awards to conduct research in Russia, Eastern/Central Europe, and/or Eurasia/Central Asia.

Certificates & degrees

Undergraduate certificate *This certificate allows students to understand the societies and cultures of the region. The courses span many disciplines, including art history, Jewish studies, and more.*

Master of Arts *This two-year master of arts program provides interdisciplinary area studies training for emerging professionals and future leaders.*

Doctoral minor *This minor is offered to candidates obtaining a PhD in other departments by taking a minimum of nine credits of graduate courses.*

Graduate certificate *This certificate provides students in graduate and professional schools with area knowledge of the societies and cultures of Eastern and Central Europe and Eurasia.*

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45+

FLAS fellowships per grant cycle

26+

years in operation

30+

affiliated CREECA faculty

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES



Local: CREECA fosters a community hub through their local lending library and a diverse calendar of public events, including the weekly CREECA lecture series and sponsored film screenings, concerts, and performances.



Statewide: CREECA's statewide outreach activities include sponsoring films in the Wisconsin Film Festival and hosting workshops for Wisconsin K-12 educators. CREECA also offers the Pushkin Summer Institute, a 5-week residential pre-college program for outstanding high school students from under-represented communities, and co-sponsors the ACTR Olympiada of Spoken Russian, a competition for middle and high school students to demonstrate their proficiency speaking Russian.



National & International: CREECA collaborates with other universities to offer the Engaging Eurasia Teacher Fellowship, which serves high school and community college educators throughout the United States. With funding from Carnegie Corporation of NY, the U.S. Russia Foundation, and the International Division, CREECA also welcomed three scholars at risk from the Russian Federation, who have two-year appointments as Professors of Practice at UW-Madison.

SIGNATURE EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Field research grants for graduate students
- ▶ Weekly CREECA lecture series
- ▶ Central Eurasian Studies Summer Institute (CESSI)
- ▶ Pushkin Summer Institute (PSI)



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