

CENTRAL EUROPEAN STUDIES

This major combines background in relevant languages, usually Russian, German or Polish, with coursework in international relations and the history, culture, and politics of the region. Those who master its history and politics, and its economic, cultural, and linguistic diversity, will be well positioned for fellowships, graduate work, and business or analytical careers centered on this fascinating region.

BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) GENERAL OVERVIEW

Complete three Russian language courses and select one of the following tracks:

- **Russian — Intermediate Russian II and Advanced Russian in Popular Culture or Intercultural Communication in Russian**
- **German — German I and German II**
- **Polish — Polish I and Polish II**

Three elective courses. Examples include:

- **Islam in Russia and the Soviet Union**
- **The German Question: Nation and Identity in Modern Central Europe**
- **Political Economy of Russian and Eurasia**
- **Literature and Film in Eastern European Historical Experiences**

Choose two from the following three courses:

- **Russian and Post-Soviet Foreign Policy**
- **Communism and Post-Communism: Eastern Europe and the Balkans**
- **European Foreign Policy and Security Issues**

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Spring Break Abroad: The Trans-Siberian Experience is a study tour of Russia from Moscow to Irkutsk, a Siberian metropolis near Lake Baikal, the deepest lake in the world, on the historic Trans-Siberian Railway. This tour introduces students to the development of Russia, demonstrating it by way of observation and interaction with people and places along the railway.

Study Abroad: Students can spend a semester in Krakow, Poland, or St. Petersburg, Russia to experience first-hand the cultures they have been studying.

Advanced Russian Language Courses: Students can choose to further develop their Russian, German, and/or Polish language skills by taking additional language courses after fulfilling the major requirements. With the help of the Language Center, students will be able to gain a further understanding and comfortability with the Russian language or any other foreign language they are pursuing.