Russia & Central Asia

The Russian history component of our program focuses on the eighteenth through the twentieth centuries, ending with the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. Students also have the opportunity to pursue fields in the history of Russian science and the history of Jews in Russia.

Graduate study in Russian and Central Asian history is supported by our relationship with other programs at the UW, including the Russian, East European and Central Asian Program (REECAS) in the Jackson School of International Studies. REECAS sponsors a yearly conference for faculty and graduate students in the Pacific Northwest. Usually held in April, the event features a distinguished keynote speaker. The REECAS program also sponsors the publication of the Donald W. Treadgold Papers in Russian, East European, and Central Asian Studies, a nationally and internally recognized series of occasional papers featuring current scholarly research on the regions that the title indicates.

Of special importance is our relationship with the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, which offers courses in 1st through 4th year Russian, as well as intensive summer classes. In addition to the History Department's funding opportunities, students in Russian history are eligible for FLAS fellowships, the Jackson Foundation fellowship, and several smaller grants and opportunities specific to the region.

The University’s graduate library has outstanding collections pertaining to Russian history. The library's Slavic and East European Section actively acquires books, periodicals, newspapers, microfilms, maps, photographs, video-, DVD and CD recordings, CD-ROMs, and commercial Internet resources to build versatile, rich, and coherent research collections pertaining to the Russian, East European, and Central Asian area. At present, the collection totals over 400,000 books, 10,000 periodical titles, and thousands of microforms.

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