Explore the vast region of Eastern Europe and Eurasia and take advantage of study abroad opportunities --- and learn to live and breathe another language. You can immerse yourself in another culture and personalize a plan of study that includes not only language, but politics, history, music and more.

**Description**

The certificate in Russian and East European studies encourages students to develop special competency in Russian or East European languages and area studies.

Coursework leading to the certificate is offered in agribusiness, architecture, biology, economics, Eurasian languages (Armenian, Tajik, Tatar and Uzbek), geography, history, international business, music, political science, religious studies, Slavic and East European languages (Albanian, Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Macedonian, Polish, Romanian and Russian), sociology and women's studies.

A student with a major in any school or department may pursue this certificate and develop a personalized plan of study in cooperation with an advisor in the Melikian Center.

Certificate holders enhance their prospects for study abroad fellowships and graduate admissions and also qualify for unique entry-level government employment opportunities. Past certificate awardees have moved into positions of leadership in government, academia and the private sector.

**At a Glance**

- **College/School:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus

**Program Requirements**

Certificate Map (Archives)
The certificate in Russian and East European studies requires a minimum of 20 credit hours, of which at least 12 credit hours must be upper-division. A grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or higher is required in all courses used toward the certificate.

**Language Requirement -- 4 credit hours**

Students complete one 4-credit hour language course from the options below. Students may also use Albanian or Armenian courses offered by the Critical Language Institute. Native speakers of a language must complete four credit hours in a different language to fulfill this requirement.

**Polish**

- PLC 101: Elementary Polish (4)
- PLC 102: Elementary Polish (4)
- PLC 201: Intermediate Polish (4)
- PLC 202: Intermediate Polish (4)
- PLC 311: Advanced Polish I (3)
- PLC 312: Advanced Polish II (3)

**Romanian**

- ROM 101: Elementary Romanian (5)
- ROM 201: Intermediate Romanian (5)
- ROM 313: Romanian Composition and Conversation (3)
- ROM 314: Romanian Composition and Conversation (3)
- ROM 411: Advanced Spoken and Written Romanian I (3)
- ROM 412: Advanced Spoken and Written Romanian II (3)

**Russian**

- RUS 101: Elementary Russian I (5)
- RUS 102: Elementary Russian II (5)
- RUS 201: Intermediate Russian I (G) (5)
- RUS 202: Intermediate Russian II (G) (5)
- RUS 211: Basic Russian Conversation I (G) (3)
- RUS 212: Basic Russian Conversation II (G) (3)

**Serbo-Croatian**

- BCS 101: Elementary Serbo-Croatian (G) (4)
- BCS 102: Elementary Serbo-Croatian (G) (4)
- BCS 201: Intermediate Serbo-Croatian (4)
- BCS 202: Intermediate Serbo-Croatian (4)
BCS 311: Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian Composition and Conversation I (3)
BCS 312: Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian Composition and Conversation II (3)

**Required Certificate Electives (choose two) -- 6 credit hours**

- ENG 429 / SLC 429: What is Europe? ((L or HU) & G & H) (3)
- GCU 426: Geography of Russia and Surroundings (SB & G) (3)
- HST 304: Russia & Ukraine: Understanding the Crisis (SB & H) (3)
- HST 304: Russia: Empire of the Tsars, 1650-1917 (SB & H) (3)
- HST 304: Stalin to Putin via Film (SB & H) (3)
- HST 304: Stalinism: Society & Culture in Sov Un, 1924-1953 (SB & H) (3)
- HST 435: The Russian Empire (SB & H) (3)
- HST 436: The Soviet Experiment (SB & G & H) (3)
- POS 352: European Democracies (3)
- REL 379: Religion, Nationalism, and Ethnic Conflict (HU & G) (3)
- RUS 322: Scandals and Scoundrels: The Nineteenth-Century Russian Novel (L or HU) (3)
- RUS 323: Russian Literature and Revolution: The Twentieth Century ((L or HU) & G) (3)
- SGS 344: Facing the Past: Truth, Memory, Denial After Atrocities (3)

Other HST 304 topics appropriate to the certificate's regional focus may be used with prior approval of the certificate advisor.

Courses shown above not used to satisfy a Required Certificate Elective may be used as an Area-Related Elective.

**Area-Related Electives -- 10 credit hours**

- APH 300: World Architecture I/Western Cultures (HU & H & G) (2)
- APH 313: History of Architecture I ((L or HU) & G & H) (3)
- APH 314: History of Architecture II ((L or HU) & G & H) (3)
- ENG 435: Literatures and Cultures of Immigration and Diaspora (3)
- GCU 325: Geography of Europe (SB & G) (3)
- HST 302: WWII in Comparative Perspective ((HU or SB) & G & H) (3)
- HST 304: A Survey of Soviet History (SB & H) (3)
- HST 304: Black Death: Pandemic Disease in the Medieval World (SB & H) (3)
- HST 304: Nazi Germany (SB & H) (3)
- HST 350: Later Middle Ages ((HU or SB) & H) (3)
- HST 354: Revolutionary Europe (SB & H) (3)
- HST 355: Total War and the Crisis of Modernity (SB & G & H) (3)
- HST 356: Europe since 1945 (SB & G & H) (3)
- HST 369: History and Memory of the Holocaust (3)
- HST 429: Modern Germany (SB & G & H) (3)
- HST 430: The Ottoman Empire in the Classical Period (3)
- HST 495: Russian Revolution (L) (3)
HST 495: World War II in Poland (L) (3)
POS 305: Conflict and Film (SB) (3)
POS 352: European Democracies (3)
POS 394: History & Politics of the United Nations: Model I (3)
POS 486: International Political Economy (SB & G) (3)
REL 301: Comparative Mysticism (HU) (3)
REL 365: Islamic Civilization (HU & H) (3)
REL 366: Islam in the Modern World (HU & G) (3)
REL 379 / SGS 343: Religion, Nationalism, and Ethnic Conflict (HU & G) (3)
RUS 322: Scandals and Scoundrels: The Nineteenth-Century Russian Novel (L or HU) (3)
RUS 323: Russian Literature and Revolution: The Twentieth Century ((L or HU) & G) (3)
RUS 421: Pushkin (L or HU) (3)
RUS 425: Chekhov and Russian Drama (L or HU) (3)
RUS 430: Russian Short Story (L or HU) (3)
RUS 439 / SLC 439: Art in Exile: Vladímir Vladímirovich Nabokov (HU & L) (3)
RUS 440: Russian Mass Media (G) (3)
SGS 341: Humanitarian Crisis and International Intervention (3)
SGS 344: Facing the Past: Truth, Memory, Denial After Atrocities (3)
SGS 370: Geopolitics (3)
SLC 294: Language & Culture Clash/Communictn&Miscommunication (3)
SLC 304 / SLV 304: Digital Humanities for Language Majors (CS) (3)
SLV 440: History of Slavic Languages (SB) (3)

Other courses may be used with prior approval of the program director.

Students complete the minimum 20 credit hour requirement with 10 credit hours of regionally related electives selected from the above list of courses. Arranged honors thesis and upper-division colloquia offered by faculty affiliates of the Melikian Center many be credited toward the certificate. Up to four additional credit hours in the language used to fulfill the language requirement.

**Capstone Project**

In their junior or senior year, students will complete a one-credit hour individualized instruction course offered by the Melikian Center, built around readings on the contemporary geopolitics of the region. Students may instead complete a capstone project during their senior year, chosen in cooperation with a faculty advisor affiliated with the Melikian Center. The project should represent an extended, research-based focus on some dimension of the region's linguistic, cultural, religious, historical or political distinctiveness. It may take the form of an extended research paper from an upper division course, an honors thesis, a translation project, an internship or a study abroad experience.

Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.
Enrollment Requirements

For more information or to add the certificate, students should contact the Melikian Center at melikiancenter@asu.edu or call 480-965-4188.

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience

The Critical Languages Institute at Arizona State University's Melikian Center is a national training institute for less commonly taught languages, offering summer intensive courses and study abroad programs around the world. Languages taught include Albanian, Armenian, Bosnian/Serbian/Croatian, Hebrew, Indonesian, Macedonian, Persian/Farsi, Polish, Russian, Turkish, Ukrainian and Uzbek.

CLI instruction in Arizona and abroad is practically focused and proficiency-based. Students not only study a language, but learn to live that language. Specially designed summer intensives on the ASU campus prepare students, even beginners, to function competently in their language when they go abroad. Once overseas, students live and breathe their language; they participate in family life, join sports and gaming clubs, sing in choirs, join theater groups, appear on television, give presentations and make speeches, participate in neighborhood projects and otherwise actively immerse themselves in the culture of the language they are learning.

Students may learn more at https://melikian.asu.edu/cli.

Contact Information

Schedule an advisor appointment

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