



The Paul H. Nitze
School of Advanced
International Studies

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Russian and Eurasian Studies | M.A. Academic Requirements

CONCENTRATION

Students concentrating in Russian and Eurasian Studies must take at least 6 courses within the field.

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS

All candidates for the M.A. degree must complete a concentration in the field of International Economics by taking 4-6 economics courses at SAIS. Students can also pursue a [specialization](#) within International Economics by taking additional course work.

Students in Russian and Eurasian Studies also have the option of pursuing a specialization in [Emerging Markets](#). Those pursuing this specialization only need to take 4 courses within Russian and Eurasian Studies.

CORE COURSES

All SAIS students must pass 2 core exams and/or courses. Russian and Eurasian Studies concentrators must pass Evolution of the International System and Comparative National Systems as their core requirements prior to the start of their third semester. If the cores are not completed by the start of their final semester, the student must enroll in the core course(s).

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Russian and Eurasian Studies MA candidates must pass exams to demonstrate proficiency in Russian. Non-native English speakers are required to pass an English placement exam upon entering SAIS.

CAPSTONE

Russian and Eurasian Studies concentrators must pass written [comprehensive examinations](#). The RES Program is built around six subfields: (1) the rise and fall of communism in Russia and Eurasia, (2) post-communist politics, (3) post-communist economies, (4) post-communist national identities and ethnic relations, (5) post-communist civil societies and (6) post-communist foreign and security policies. M.A. concentrators must pass a written comprehensive examination that covers the first subfield and two other subfields of their own choosing.

Comprehensive examination topics and recommended readings for each subfield are available from RES. The written exam is given twice each year. Students answer questions about the three subfields of the syllabus for which they have prepared.

A total of 16 courses are required for an MA degree.

[Requirements for AY 09/10 class](#)