



**The Paul H. Nitze
School of Advanced
International Studies**

JOHNS HOPKINS
UNIVERSITY

Russian and Eurasian Studies | M.A. Academic Requirements 2011-2012 (entering class)

CONCENTRATION

Students concentrating in Russian and Eurasian Studies must take at least 6 courses within the field. One of those courses must be Russia: The Making of a Superpower (SA.880.724).

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. All non-native English speakers are required to pass an English placement exam upon entering SAIS. Native Russian speakers must pass proficiency in a second language which can include English.

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 taken for credit are required for an MA degree (unless a student has advanced standing or is in a dual-degree program).

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS BY ACADEMIC YEAR (AY)

[AY 2010-2011 Entering Class](#)

[AY 2009-2010 Entering Class](#)

DEGREE AUDIT (CHECKLIST) BY ACADEMIC YEAR (AY)

[AY 2011-2012](#)

[AY 2010-2011](#)

