

HUMANITIES

Russian and Eurasian Studies

This program is intended for students seeking an interdisciplinary program of study centered on Russia and Eurasia. The program is regional in spirit, meaning that students can take courses in a wide range of countries of East/Central Europe, the Slavic states, and Central Asia.

As noted in the degree chart (<http://catalog.mit.edu/degree-charts/humanities-course-21>), the program includes a minimum of nine subjects (108 units) beyond the pre-thesis tutorial (21.THT (<http://catalog.mit.edu/search/?P=21.THT>)) and thesis (21.THU (<http://catalog.mit.edu/search/?P=21.THU>)). The nine subjects must include two language subjects in Area I (or equivalent proficiency); the seven remaining subjects must be selected from at least two of the three other disciplinary areas (Areas II–IV). At least six subjects must be MIT subjects or subjects taken at Harvard or Wellesley under cross-registration. (Students must receive permission from the program advisor prior to registering for a class at another institution.) The program includes four areas of study:

- Area I: Language
- Area II: Humanities and the Arts
- Area III: Social Sciences
- Area IV: Historical Studies

Up to six subjects (72 units) may be used for both the major and the GIRs, but the units from those subjects may not count toward the 180 units required beyond the GIRs. No more than one subject that counts toward the distribution component of the HASS Requirement may also be counted toward the requirements of the Russian and Eurasian Studies program. In addition, at least eight of the subjects required for the program cannot count toward any other major or minor.

The list of restricted electives below is not exhaustive. Additional information may be obtained from the advisor for the program, Professor Elizabeth Wood (elizwood@mit.edu), Room E51-282, 617-253-3255, or from the SHASS Dean's Office, Room 4-240, 617-253-3450.

Restricted Electives

Area I: Language ¹

21G.613 Russian III (Hybrid)

21G.614 Russian IV (Hybrid)

Select seven subjects from at least two of the following areas: ²

Area II: Humanities and the Arts

21G.077[] Introduction to the Classics of Russian Literature ³

or 21G.618 Introduction to the Classics of Russian Literature - Russian Language Option

21G.087[] Introduction to Russian Studies

Appropriate subjects offered at Harvard or Wellesley

Area III: Social Sciences

17.569 Russia's Foreign Policy: Toward the Post-Soviet States and Beyond

21H.245[] 20th Century Ukraine and Russia: Entangled Histories and Identity Politics

Appropriate subjects offered at Harvard or Wellesley

Area IV: Historical Studies

21H.244[] Imperial and Revolutionary Russia: Culture and Politics, 1700-1917

Appropriate subjects offered at Harvard or Wellesley

¹ Two intermediate (Levels III and IV) subjects in the Russian language are required to satisfy Area I. Students with the equivalent proficiency, but who are not native speakers, can either take two advanced language subjects beyond Level IV (highly recommended) or two additional subjects from Areas I, II, and IV. Native speakers may substitute other subjects with the permission of the program advisor.

² Students who are not required to take Area I subjects must take all subjects from Areas II, III, and IV, with at least one subject from each area.

³ Though students may opt for either subject, it is preferred that they take 21G.618 Introduction to the Classics of Russian Literature - Russian Language Option.