



European and Eurasian Studies

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### EUROPEAN AND EURASIAN STUDIES | M.A. Requirements

#### European and Eurasian Studies Program [Learning Goals and Objectives](#)

Entering Class 2013-2014

Students must take the equivalent of 16 non-language courses (64 credits) in order to graduate. Those students who are approved for dual degree or advanced standing may only need to take 12 or 14 courses as approved by Academic Affairs.

### EUROPEAN AND EURASIAN STUDIES

Students concentrating in European and Eurasian Studies (EES) design their own program of study to achieve fixed learning outcomes as set out in the program syllabus. These learning outcomes are evaluated in three comprehensive exams. The program does not have any required courses. Candidates work with their program adviser and senior faculty to plan courses and independent readings that will prepare them for the comprehensive exams.

#### Track

**Russia and Eurasia Track:** Students who choose the Russia and Eurasia track within the concentration complete Comp III in this area and must achieve Russian language for proficiency.

### Comprehensive Examinations

Comprehensive exams are given three to four times per year on both campuses and are graded as pass/fail. Exams may be taken multiple times without penalty. The European and Eurasian Studies comprehensive exams are based on the [EES syllabus](#) which sets out the topics and offers a bibliography for each written exam.

#### Comp I: Modern European History and Ideas

The purpose of this examination is to expose EES concentrators to a broad interpretative framework for understanding the formation and evolution of the international systems of states. Students without a strong background in European history should take or audit the specialized history core course, Evolution of the International System. Students usually take this exam after their first or second semester, depending on their campus of study.

#### Comp II: European Political Economies

The purpose of this examination is to make sure that students understand the essentials of governance – including economic governance – across the region. This exam encompasses the domestic political economies of the four major Western European nation states, the European Union and European integration generally, the problems of transition in Central and Eastern Europe—including Russia, and Europe’s relations with the U.S. and global economies. Candidates take this exam before or after their third semester.

#### Comp III: Europe and the World Since 1945

This comprehensive examination covers the relationship between European countries and the outside world. That relationship is both country-specific and regional. This exam has three different elements. The first concerns the international political economy, which is arguably where Europe is most influential. The second looks at the regional dimension of Europe’s relations with the outside world, and draws on the history of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) as well as the European Union. The third focuses on the comparative foreign policies of European countries. Students usually take Comp III at the end of their third or fourth semester.

Or

#### Comp III: Russian and Eurasian Studies

This comprehensive exam is designed for students in the Russia and Eurasia track. It covers the rise and fall of communism in Russia and Eurasia and allows students to focus on two of the following sub-areas: Post-Communist Politics, Post-Communist Economies, Post-Communist National Identities and Ethnic Relations, Post-Communist Civil Societies, and Post-Communist Foreign and Security Policies. Students usually take Comp III at the end of their third or fourth semester.

## INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS

Students must complete 4 courses within this program.

- Microeconomics
- Macroeconomics (prerequisite or concurrent Microeconomics)
- International Trade Theory (prerequisite Microeconomics)
- International Monetary Theory (prerequisite Macroeconomics)

Eligible students who pass the waiver exams in these subjects or who pass Micro and/or Macro in Pre-Term must replace those courses with alternate economics courses. Many students choose to pursue an [International Economics Specialization](#) in one of four areas of economics and therefore use electives to meet these requirements. Students may also choose to specialize in [Emerging Markets](#).

## QUANTITATIVE REASONING

Students must complete one course from the list below.

- Statistical Methods for Business & Economics
- Econometrics (prerequisite Statistical Methods for Business & Economics)

- Applied Econometrics (prerequisite Econometrics)
- Macro Econometrics (prerequisite Econometrics)
- Risk Analysis and Modeling
- Corporate Finance (prerequisite or concurrent Microeconomics)
- Quantitative Methods in International Relations (prerequisite Statistical Methods for Business & Economics)

Students may not double-count a Quantitative Reasoning requirement as one of the four required International Economics courses and vice-versa. Eligible students who pass the statistics waiver exam or pass the statistics course in Pre-Term are still required to take an alternate Quantitative Reasoning course from the list above.

## CORE COURSES/EXAMS

European and Eurasian Studies concentrators do not need to take any core exams, but they must pass the three program comprehensive exams. EES concentrators substitute Comp I and Comp II for SAIS's core exam requirements in Evolution of the International System and Comparative National Systems.

## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

European and Eurasian Studies MA candidates must pass exams to demonstrate proficiency in a modern European language. Students who select the Russia and Eurasia track 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 speakers of a modern European language or Russian (if in the Russia and Eurasia track) must pass proficiency in a second language which can include English. Those students are encouraged to study another modern European language.

## CAPSTONE

European and Eurasian Studies concentrators must complete ONE of the following capstones:

1. European and Eurasian Studies Oral Exam. Candidates submit, in advance, a brief paper with a topic they are prepared to discuss. It should feature a contemporary issue in the region, in light of its historical, institutional, political and economic settings. Participation in the non-credit current events seminar and at the various lectures on contemporary political and economic issues is a good way to prepare for the oral.
2. M.A. Oral Exam (to compete for honors—if eligible).

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