In the vast geopolitical realm that stretches from the British Isles to Siberia and from the Nordic regions to the Mediterranean, powerful forces are pushing for political, social, and economic change. EU member states and their neighbors confront a host of domestic challenges ranging from economic reform and social diversity to terrorism and separatism. Russia and other members of the Commonwealth of Independent States stand at different points along the path of transition from communism to new political institutions. A web of political, economic, security, and societal connections increasingly links various parts of Europe and Eurasia with one another, as well as with the wider global community. In view of these dynamic interactions, it is essential to study Europe and Eurasia in conjunction with each other.

The Elliott School’s Master of Arts in European and Eurasian Studies (EES) provides students with an interdisciplinary approach that is vital for a deep understanding of these important regions. The EES curriculum combines required courses with a variety of electives that allow students to pursue individual professional goals and intellectual interests. This multifaceted program encompasses academic approaches to European and Eurasian affairs and develops practical analytical skills that are essential in the professional world of international affairs.

The interdisciplinary 40-credit-hour M.A. program can be completed in two years of full-time study or over a longer period of part-time study. The EES program requires:

- A 3-credit cornerstone on Europe and Eurasia
- A 3-credit international economics course
- A 15-credit core field that provides a broad foundation for understanding Europe and Eurasia
- A 9-credit professional specialization field tailored to individual career goals (fields include International Economics, Political Economy, and Business; International Organization, Diplomacy and Globalization; International Security Policy; and International Education)
- 1-2 credits of professional skills courses such as Negotiating Skills, Formal Briefing, Political Analysis, and Writing for International Policymakers
- Foreign language proficiency in a major European language other than English
- 5-6 credits of elective courses
- A 3-credit capstone course, to be taken at the end of the program

The EES program is ideal for students seeking a rigorous academic program and an opportunity to develop professional skills for the workplace. It is unique in that it combines the study of the European and Eurasian regions. Classes meet in the evenings to accommodate the busy schedules of working professionals and students pursuing daytime internships in Washington, DC. EES alumni are employed in government, the private sector, NGOs, and international organizations.
EES students also have the option of writing a thesis and studying abroad at one of GW’s six exchange partners in Europe—top universities in France, Germany, the Netherlands, Russia, Switzerland, and Turkey.

**Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies**

The Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies (IERES), which supports the EES program, works to promote the study of Europe and Eurasia through research, events, publications, and courses. IERES holds an average of 90 events each year and is home to a robust full- and part-time faculty from a variety of disciplines, as well as visiting scholars from around the world. EES students have the opportunity to serve as research assistants for IERES faculty. IERES also features several internationally prominent programs that bring opportunities for students and scholars. It houses the Program on New Approaches to Research and Security in Eurasia (PONARS Eurasia), an international network of social scientists that promotes scholarly work and policy engagement on transnational topics within the Eurasian space; the Central Asia Program, which focuses on security, development, state-building, and regional environmental issues; and the Arctic Research Coordination Network, which works to build a research network for promoting arctic urban sustainability.

**Faculty**

The institute’s permanent multidisciplinary faculty travel regularly to their regions of study, publish books and articles in leading journals, provide insight to media and policymakers, and sometimes serve in government themselves. IERES and EES also recruit leading practitioners to share their experiences directly with students in the classroom as instructors or guest lecturers. Our outstanding faculty members include:

Muriel Atkin (Ph.D., Yale University): Expertise in Russia, Tajikistan, Iran, and Central Asian history

John Glenn (Ph.D., Harvard University, German Marshall Fund): Expertise in Transatlantic Relations

Henry Hale (Ph.D., Harvard University): Expertise in Post-Soviet politics, ethnic politics

Hope Harrison (Ph.D., Columbia University): Expertise in Cold War history, Germany, Russia

Kimberly Morgan (Ph.D., Princeton University): Expertise in Western European politics, immigration

Harris Mylonas (Ph.D., Yale University): Expertise in nationalism, the Balkans

Cory Welt (Ph.D., MIT): Expertise in Post-Soviet Eurasian politics and security

Sharon Wolchik (Ph.D., University of Michigan): Expertise in comparative politics of Central/Eastern Europe

**Career Development**

The Elliott School offers career development programs for students from their first semester on campus through graduation and beyond. The Graduate Student Career Development center provides individual career consulting, workshops, employer information sessions, networking events, and site visits to a variety of federal, international, and private agencies. Participation in IERES events also offers excellent networking possibilities for students, as speakers and attendees come from a variety of professional backgrounds around the world.

EES alumni have gone on to careers at a variety of public and private institutions, including the American Bar Association, Booz Allen Hamilton, Central European Initiative, Central Intelligence Agency, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Deloitte, U.S. Agency for International Development, the U.S. Department of State, and the World Bank.

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