

# The Institute of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies

*An interdisciplinary approach to  
regional studies in a changing world*



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Students discuss the conceptualization of post-Communist regimes in Europe and Eurasia in the EURUS Interdisciplinary Seminar.



*“EURUS has given me the opportunity to learn about Europe, Russia, and Eurasia from the perspective of a variety of disciplines, delve deep into subjects that really interest me, and develop professional experiences.”*

—Owen Rowland Fawcett,  
EURUS MA candidate,  
Class of 2024

*“My primary foreign language in EURUS is Russian... Thanks to my Russian knowledge, I had the opportunity to work as a Russian translation tutor to help prepare students for the translation exam. This is very rewarding work.”*

—Mercedes Bullock,  
EURUS MA Candidate,  
Class of 2022

## **BUILD A SOLID FOUNDATION IN THE STUDY OF EUROPE, RUSSIA, AND EURASIA**

Immerse yourself in the study of Europe, Russia, and Eurasia at Canada’s first centre of its kind, the Institute of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies (EURUS). For over fifty years, we have offered students a rich academic perspective of this region through our Master of Arts (MA) degree in European, Russian and Eurasian Studies.

You will receive a unique interdisciplinary experience, combining history, politics, economics, language and culture with area-specific expertise. Our small, close-knit department allows students to train in a dynamic atmosphere, build relationships and networks, and access numerous opportunities.

Choose from two interdisciplinary concentrations:

- European and European Union Studies, focusing on European and EU topics
- Russian and Eurasian Studies, focusing on the Eurasian region and the nations of the former USSR

In addition to our MA degree, EURUS also offers a Graduate Diploma (GDip) in European Integration Studies and a Dual Master’s degree in collaboration with the Université Catholique de Louvain in Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium. No matter your academic path, you’ll study, work, and network in a community unmatched and unrivaled countrywide.







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## GAIN AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

EURUS encourages our students to develop their regional knowledge and interests with international experiences. As your academic perspective grows, you can pursue opportunities to work, perform research, study, and immerse yourself in the region — through in-person, virtual, or hybrid global opportunities.

Explore the European Union with the “European Study Tour”

- Embark on a multi-week, in-person or virtual tour of Europe
- Meet with representatives of the EU’s administrative and political leadership (including the European Commission, Parliament, Court of Justice, and Central Bank)
- Engage with European organizations, including NATO and the Canadian Mission to the EU
- Learn from world leaders based in key European locations, such as Brussels, Strasbourg, Luxembourg, and Frankfurt
- Pursue an internship with an EU institution or European organization after the tour

### On the European Study Tour

*“We spent time visiting and learning from people who worked at various EU institutions — they all came from various diverse backgrounds, and the experiences that they brought to the table were very neat. It shaped a lot of my interests career-wise and reaffirmed my skills.”*

*—Abigail Evans,  
EURUS alumna, Class of 2020  
Refugee Affairs Branch,  
Immigration, Refugees and  
Citizenship Canada (IRCC)*

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## BE PART OF THE EURUS COMMUNITY

*“EURUS is a family. Our MA students are critical actors in our Institute and faculty work with them intensively to develop skills and locate opportunities. Our courses and supervisions offer chances to grow intellectually, in an interdisciplinary fashion, and gain experience that will serve them professionally. Ottawa offers fantastic opportunities to engage government, NGO and diplomatic communities and, especially with our co-op program, students have an excellent chance to find employment in their field.*

*We open all possible doors to our students, from government work to fully-funded spaces in elite PhD programs. And EURUS is fun!*

*You are part of a group of students who share similar passions but come from all kinds of different backgrounds.*

*You will make friends for life.”*

*—Jeff Sahadeo, Professor Russian and Eurasian History, Contemporary Central Asia and the Caucasus*

## PARTICIPATE IN AN ONGOING GLOBAL CONVERSATION

EURUS students are given opportunities to present and participate in academic conferences. They may also publish in the EURUS-affiliated *Canadian Journal of European and Russian Studies* (CJERS), an online academic journal that promotes research articles related to the European Union or former Soviet Union states.

EURUS is associated with research centres such as the Centre for European Studies (CES) at Carleton. You can take advantage of research opportunities in Canada and abroad with CES grants.

## THE CAPITAL ADVANTAGE

Places you at the centre of political, governmental, and diplomatic life in the capital city of Ottawa. As a EURUS student, you'll forge connections and discover the unrivalled access we have to academic, professional, and extracurricular resources in the capital region.

This includes close relationships with governmental organizations and the diplomatic community in Ottawa, as well as guest lectures and class visits from policy practitioners, visiting scholars, and national experts.

In addition to the various embassies, consulates, and non-governmental organizations in Ottawa, our location in the capital region allows us to maintain direct relations with Europe, Russia and Eurasia.

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## STRENGTHEN PROFESSIONAL SKILLS WITH OUR CO-OP AND INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

EURUS offers a co-op option for our MA students, presenting an invaluable way to gain work experience, make local connections, and build vital skills for your future career. Students complete co-op terms at various institutions, including within the federal government, embassies, NGOs, international organizations, and private sector companies and firms.



*“Our EURUS student has been an asset to our team here at National Defence Canada. In particular, his writing skills, deep understanding of Russian/Eurasian history and politics, ability to synthesize complex information and quickly grasp complicated geo-political and defence-related concepts has been very useful for us. The skills and knowledge he’s acquired from the program have prepared him well for a career in the international relations and defence policy realms.”*

—Kevin Foster,  
International Programs Officer,  
National Defence Canada

### Why did Nadiya choose EURUS?

*“The career and personal development opportunities I found at EURUS were vast — from the internship program to work and study abroad, language training — basically anything that I would want from an MA program was available.”*

—Nadiya Safanova,  
EURUS alumna, Class of 2020  
Innovation Lab  
Employment and Social  
Development Canada

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## LANGUAGES

Our students approach the region not only from historical, political, and economic angles, but from a cultural perspective as well. EURUS places high emphasis on language abilities — all our MA candidates demonstrate proficiency in a regional language upon reaching graduation.

### Not yet fluent in a regional language?

Our students meet our language proficiency requirements in a variety of ways. You can complete coursework through Carleton’s language faculties, make use of department tutoring services, or engage in self-directed study.

We encourage our students to pursue language study in their region of choice through summer programs and in-person or virtual “study abroad” initiatives, and we offer funding opportunities to support these pursuits.



*“I spoke no Russian at all before I started at EURUS. The language training I received during my degree provided the foundation to pursue a PhD in Soviet history and spend more than a year working in archives in Kyrgyzstan and Russia!”*

—Marek Eby,  
EURUS alumnus, Class of 2016  
Doctoral Candidate in the  
Department of History at  
New York University (NYU)







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### WHERE CAN YOU FIND EURUS ALUMNI?

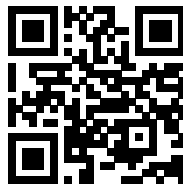
- Global Affairs Canada (GAC)
- Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)
- SecDev Group
- Amnesty International
- Delegation of the European Union
- Export Development Canada (EDC)
- United Nations Association of Canada (UNAC)
- Natural Resources Canada
- Public Safety Canada

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