



COLUMBIA | HARRIMAN INSTITUTE
Russian, Eurasian, and East European Studies

Harriman Institute Certificate Requirements

Students receive the Certificate upon completing the Institute's course requirements, establishing proficiency in one language from the Russian, Eurasian, or East European region, and depositing a Certificate essay.

The deadlines for completing Certificate requirements and depositing a Certificate essay are:

October graduation:	October 3rd
February graduation:	February 1st
May graduation:	May 1 st

Courses

Each student must complete 20 points at the graduate level, approved by a Harriman advisor.

- Regional Studies G8445, "Legacies of Empire and the Soviet Union: The Legacy of Russia," is a required course, and counts toward the 20 point requirement.
- At least 3 additional courses must be taken in a single discipline.
- At least 2 additional courses must be taken outside this home discipline.

Please note the following provisos:

- All courses on the Harriman Institute Course List, which is available on the Institute website at the beginning of each semester, automatically qualify for the Certificate.
- Any graduate-level course in any department or school of the University can also qualify with the written pre-approval of a Harriman advisor. In such courses, students must produce an acceptable research paper of direct relevance to Russia, Eurasia, or East Central Europe.
- At least two courses must be colloquia or seminars.
- Language courses do not count towards course requirements.
- An average grade of B+ or better is required in all courses.
- Two-point courses at the School of Law are considered equivalent to 3-point courses outside of the School of Law.
- Any number of independent research courses at the School of International and Public Affairs may also qualify for the Certificate if permission is obtained from a Harriman advisor and an appropriate research paper is produced.
- Only one credit-bearing internship may be counted toward the Certificate for professional school students; no other coursework, such as an examination, fieldwork, or 'hands-on' experience, qualifies. By university rules, internships do not count for credit for students enrolled in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.



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One relevant language from the Russian, Eurasian, or East European region is required of all students. The student must meet Institute proficiency requirements by earning a B or better in an advanced language course, or by passing a test administered by a Columbia University language instructor.

Certificate Essay

All students must submit a Certificate essay, approved by a Harriman advisor and a member of the Harriman faculty. The essay, generally resulting from research undertaken for a seminar or colloquium, must be sponsored by an Institute faculty member. It must be a substantial and original piece of research, interpretation, or analysis, based, at least in part, on primary source materials.

Program Deadlines

Certificates are awarded three times a year: October, February, and May.

Students are highly encouraged to submit the Harriman Institute Certificate Statement of Intent as early as possible. The Statement of Intent is non-binding, but is a factor that will be considered in applications for Harriman Institute graduate fellowships.

Students who have completed the requirements for the Harriman Certificate must submit the Harriman Institute Certificate Audit Form for approval to Rebecca Dalton (1211 IAB).

October 2015 graduation:	September 15, 2015
February 2016 graduation:	December 1, 2015
May 2016 graduation:	February 1, 2016

Transfer Credits

Only 3 transfer credits (or one course) in a field other than a language may be accepted for Certificate requirements. In order to acquire transfer credits, students must provide a Harriman advisor with a formal request, a copy of their transcript, and, if possible, copies of the relevant syllabus and course work.

Time Constraints

Students in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences must complete the Certificate within five years after declaring their intent to pursue the Harriman Certificate. Students in the School of International Affairs or in other professional schools must complete the Certificate within three years. Students in joint programs have five years to complete the Certificate.

For further inquiries, please contact Rebecca Dalton at rld2130@columbia.edu.