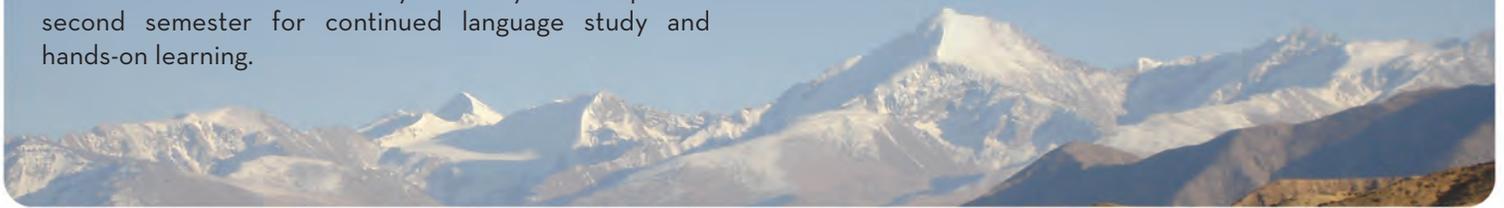


Central Asian Studies is an innovative program preparing students for international careers. Based in the fascinating and historically significant region of Central Asia, this program combines intensive language study with courses on regional history and the specific countries and major cultures of this diverse area. A month of home stay, an extensive cultural program and extensive educational travel are included to give a deeper understanding of what locals think and how they live. Stay for an optional second semester for continued language study and hands-on learning.

Central Asian Studies is for adventurous students looking to understand a militarily and economically vital part of the world where Islam and Christianity, as well as Russian, Western, Chinese, and local interests mix and sometimes collide. You'll gain a wider, fuller, first-hand perspective on geopolitics and foreign relations for your future in government, business, or academia.



**BISHKEK**  
**IN THE HEART OF CENTRAL ASIA**

This program is hosted in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Nestled along China's western border and strategically placed for access to Afghanistan, this small, rugged country, which now has Central Asia's most democratic form of government, is considered militarily, diplomatically, and/or economically strategic by the geopolitical giants of China, Russia, and the US.



**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

- Study geopolitics, culture, and history
- Extensive regional travel included
- Discussion panels with locals and guest speakers
- Learn local cooking, handicrafts, music
- Optional internships available



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# CURRICULUM

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### RUSSIAN LANGUAGE STUDY

Russian is a lingua franca for politics and business in Central Asia.

*Credits: 12*

### CA-371 THE NEW GREAT GAME

The New Great Game is a renewed struggle for hegemony and control over natural resources in Central Asia between competing global powers, the Central Asian republics themselves, international agencies, and neighboring states.

*Credits: 3*

### CA-372: UNDERSTANDING CENTRAL ASIA

This series of seminars explores the cultural, social, historical, dimensions of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan. Media, civil society, gender, and economics are also covered.

*Credits: 3*

### CA-372B: CENTRAL ASIAN LAB

Students will learn about the music, handicrafts, cooking and other traditions of various Central Asian cultures through hands-on classes, guest speakers, and discussion panels.

### CA-372C: TRAVEL STUDY

Visit Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan. Tour major sites, meet locals, and learn the culture through hands-on activities.

### OPTIONAL: CENTRAL ASIAN LANGUAGES

Choose from Kyrgyz, Uzbek, Kazakh, Tadjik, or Turkmen. Taught in small groups or individually, depending on availability.

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## DATES AND COSTS

### SEMESTER: Cost: \$11,750

Spring: Late Jan - Mid May (Apply by Oct 15)

Fall: Early Sept - Mid Dec (Apply by May 15)

### MID SUMMER: Cost: \$3,995

Mid June - Mid July (Apply by April 15)

### FULL SUMMER: Cost: \$7,990

Late May - Early Aug (Apply by March 1)

### FULL YEAR: Cost: \$18 750

Early Sept - Mid May (Apply by May 15)

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## SECOND SEMESTER OPTIONS

Stay for an optional second semester for continued Russian language study and an internship or to complete a research project (see below). Credits are dependent on individual interest and custom course structure.

### CA-351: INTERNSHIP

Study the issues of concern to today's Central Asia by working at a local NGO, business, museum or media outlet.

### CA-352: RESEARCH PROJECT

Conduct field or archival research in Central Asia on subject of your choice.

## SUMMER COURSES

### RS-100/200/300/400:

#### RUSSIAN LANGUAGE STUDY

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*Mid Summer: Credits: 4*

*Full Summer: Credits: 14*

### RS-373 IDENTITY AND ETHNICITY IN CENTRAL ASIA

Overview of ethnicity and ethnic divides in Central Asia, their historical roots and modern issues. Explore cultural elements including traditional foods, feasts, festivals, music, and traditional storytelling as well as Kyrgyzstan's traditional clan structure and modern urban/rural differences.

*Mid Summer: Credits: 1*

*Full Summer: Credits: 3 possible*

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### CA-372c: TRAVEL STUDY: MOUNTAIN TREK

Spend seven days trekking the mountains of Kyrgyzstan on horseback. Discover first-hand what living a nomadic lifestyle in the modern era is like. Meet and visit local nomads along the way and learn how they live.

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