

## Central Asian Studies Program in Kyrgyzstan, SRAS

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Dear Students and Scholars of Central Asia:

The School of Russian and Asian Studies (SRAS) is offering an original, innovative, immersive program to which we are inviting a new generation of Central Asian scholars and future diplomats to participate.

The Central Asian Studies program is offered as a semester-long course in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, with an option to extend for a second period (semester or summer). An 8-week summer program is also offered, with a slightly modified curriculum. The program combines intensive language study (options to study Russian, Kyrgyz, Uzbek, Kazakh, Tajik, or Turkmen) with courses on the regional history of the specific countries and major cultures of this diverse area. A month of home stay, an extensive cultural program and educational travel to Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan are included to give a deeper understanding of what locals think and how they live. Students will gain a wider, fuller, first-hand perspective on geopolitics and foreign relations for their future in government, business, or academia.

This course not only provides one of the only opportunities for study and immersion in this strategically and historically important region, but is a challenging course of study for more general International Relations students for whom this would be an intensive area focus/case study. This program is valuable at the undergrad and graduate levels and also as a transition or preparatory study between these two levels of education.

I invite you to look over the program description ([http://www.sras.org/central\\_asian\\_studies](http://www.sras.org/central_asian_studies)). We can send a detailed description of the course upon request.

We would greatly appreciate if you would help disseminate the information on this program to those who would find it interesting.

The School of Russian and Asian Studies (SRAS) is an organization

devoted to encouraging and facilitating both study in and study about Russia and neighboring countries. You can read more about us here - <http://sras.org/resume>.

I also invite you to subscribe to our monthly newsletter, which contains a range of interesting articles, interviews, and other features related to Russia and neighboring countries. It offers a broad perspective on what is happening on a number of fronts (politically, socially, technologically, etc.). We also announce new language material and resources via the newsletter.

If you have comments, questions, or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact us at [study@sras.org](mailto:study@sras.org) or 650-206-2209.

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