Maymester Abroad

The Croatia Maymester Study Abroad Program offers students the opportunity to earn six hours credit studying various aspects of Croatian culture and society while traveling through this beautiful and fascinating country. Courses are taught by UGA faculty and use active engagement approaches that will take students into different regions and allow them to interact with scholars from Croatian universities and research institutes, local government officials, leaders of non-governmental organizations, and citizens from different walks of life. Our academic partner in Croatia is the Ivo Pilar Institute of Social Sciences.

The program will focus on nationalism and ethnic conflict, art, culture and national identity, the conservation and interpretation of tangible and intangible cultural heritage, and public health and social issues.

Itinerary

We will use the cities of Zagreb, Pula and Makarska as bases and will make field trips to sites in the surrounding areas, which constitute three distinct geographical regions of Croatia.

Zagreb, in the interior of the country, is the capital of Croatia. It has the energy of a large, modern city while retaining a 19th-century Central European flavor. From Zagreb we will visit nearby rural areas such as Žumberak and Zagorje, known for their beautiful forested hills, vineyards, and castles.

Pula has many Roman ruins and the surrounding area of Istria is rich in history and culture. Makarska is a small resort town in a magnificent location on the southern Dalmatian coast. From here we will explore the ancient towns of Split and Dubrovnik, both World Cultural Heritage sites, and nearby islands.

A day trip to Bosnia and Herzegovina is also planned.

Tentative Course Offerings

HPRB 5160/7160 - Special Topics in Health Promotion: Public Health Issues in Croatia

This course will focus on understanding diverse current public health challenges in Croatia, such as heart disease, traffic safety, and smoking. Students will examine cultural factors in Croatia that relate to health and injury, and discuss the issues involved in maintaining health and preventing injuries in a unique cultural setting through site visits to local health facilities, community areas, and governmental departments. Group discussions and journal writings will integrate assigned course readings with the information provided by local public health experts. Graduate students may take Independent Study with instructor permission.

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ARTS4900/6900 - Professional Practices: Art Criticism in Croatian Folk and Contemporary Art

This course will focus on observing works of art, assigned readings for contextualization, discussion of the works, and writing about them. Varied opportunities for learning how to express opinions and observations will expand students’ knowledge beyond the initial response to art. Questions and extrapolated observations are numerous and rich with any art object that is thoughtfully investigated. Invigorating the curriculum with cultural and historic observations help find meaning in painting, sculpture, architecture, and crafts. This approach prepares students for integrated learning by building a strong foundation through the arts that are a living record of the culture we observe historically and in the present.

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HIPR 4070/6070 - Heritage Conservation in Croatia

This course will focus on the role of the cultural and natural heritage in the development of Croatia within a European and international context. Students will examine how Croatia conserves, interprets, and manages its historic towns and monuments, cultural landscapes, traditional crafts and products and other aspects of its tangible and intangible heritage and utilizes them for economic and social development.

Note: Students may also take LAND 4910/6910, Independent Study. Contact Dr. Reap for information.

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SLAV 4510 - Culture & National Identity in the Former Yugoslavia

This course will examine social, historical, and cultural factors that have played a role in the formation of ethnic/national identity in the countries of the former Yugoslavia, with a focus on Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. Particular attention will be paid to language as a symbol of identity and to conflicting views of the cultural heritage of these countries.

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Directed study credit may also be offered under special circumstances, subject to permission of the instructor.
**Estimated Cost — $3,000**

The estimated student cost for the program is based on 24 participants at September exchange rates. This includes room (double occupancy), two meals a day, and local transportation while in Croatia; scheduled field trips; and medical insurance. Additional expenses not included are: tuition and fees, airfare, and spending money. Tuition may be partially covered by HOPE for eligible students.

The estimated program cost represents a substantial savings over the actual cost. Student expenses are reduced through a generous gift from Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Phillips. Students interested in scholarships should check with the Office of International Education for other sources of funding.

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Application deadline: January 31, 2014

Applications and more information online

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