



Accommodations

All students spend the first week at an area hotel called "Hotel Apartments" while they seek local, fully-furnished apartments in Prague with the assistance of the local program coordinators. Students will live in small groups in these apartments for the remainder of the semester.

Excursions

A variety of excursions are included as part of this program. In addition to an extended weekend excursion to either Berlin or Krakow, a number of guided day trips are provided each semester to the Moravia and Bohemia regions and towns like Brno, Carlsbad, Cesky Raj and other areas of interest. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in cultural events and activities within the city of Prague, from concerts and plays to visits to museums, historical sites and monuments.



View of Prague

Going Abroad with the CGE

Students will be charged standard HWS tuition and a \$550 administrative fee. This will cover credits for the semester, on-site orientation program, excursions and housing for the first week. Note that no room or board charge is included. Students will pay rent directly to area landlords upon securing a shared apartment and should bring money with them to cover the cost of dining out or preparing their own meals in the apartment kitchen. We estimate that \$4000 will be sufficient to cover room and board costs for the semester. Additional expenses not covered include airfare, books and other course related materials, and personal expenses (laundry, entertainment, some local ground transportation and independent travel). We estimate airfare for this program at approximately \$1000 from the East Coast and books and course-related materials at \$250. It is difficult to give an accurate estimate of personal expenses because student spending habits differ considerably. We would suggest a minimum of \$1,500 above and beyond meal and accommodation expenses. However, students on a tight budget should be able to manage with less. If you are concerned about finances, we strongly encourage you to talk to the CGE staff who can offer information and advice based on your specific situation.

Application Deadlines

- This program is offered every fall semester.
- Applications are available at the Center for Global Education.
- Applications are due at the CGE office at a selected date in October. For specific date contact the CGE.

NOTE: The information above is subject to change. Please see the CGE for more information.

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PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

About Prague

Prague is a spectacular city that has weathered more than 1000 years of turbulent history, including the Nazi and Soviet domination of the 20th century. Located behind the “Iron Curtain”, for forty years the city was more or less off-limits to Westerners. Following the Velvet Revolution of 1989, the city emerged once again as the capital of a sovereign, democratic nation. The city of Prague has a rich musical heritage, varied cultural activities and numerous sites of architectural beauty. Escaping the destruction of 20th century bombings, the urban design of Prague remains much as it looked in the 15th century. “The City of a Hundred Spires”, Prague offers a wide selection of Romanesque, Gothic, Baroque, Neo-Renaissance, Art Nouveau, Cubist and Socialist-Realist architecture. The Czech countryside has hundreds of castles, chateaus and historic ruins. In addition to exploring the joys of ‘tourist’ Prague, study abroad students have a unique opportunity to enjoy the social and cultural amenities offered by a modern, dynamic city of approximately 1.2 million.

The Program

This program is based at Charles University, the oldest university in Central Europe, founded in 1348. Charles University has a student population of over 40,000 Czech and European students at both graduate and undergraduate levels. The program through HWS is delivered by the “Undergraduate Program in Central European Studies” (UPCES), which is affiliated with Charles University’s Center for Economic Research and Graduate Education. Each study abroad student is assigned to a Czech ‘student buddy’ upon arrival to help with social and cultural integration. Approximately 50 study abroad students attend the program each semester from a wide range of U.S. colleges and universities. UPCES encourages its students to spend the semester in Prague really immersing themselves in Czech life and culture and thus recommends that students limit their travel within the wider Europe to the beginning or end of the program.

Courses

All students participating in the program will be required to take a total of FIVE classes, one of which is the mandatory “Introduction to Czech Language” which begins during orientation. Students get to choose their other four classes from a rich menu of options and these classes may be used towards major, minor or curricular ‘goal’ areas as determined by the student and his/her advisor and department chair. Class enrollment will be comprised of 50% study abroad students and 50% Czech and other European students. Class size is small, facilitating true exchange and sharing of different worldviews.

Some sample course titles include:

Economics in Transition
Prague as a Living History: Anatomy of a European Capital
Multiculturalism, Ethnicity and Collective Memory in Eastern Europe
Czechs, Germans and Jews in Bohemian Lands
Defining Themes and Personalities in Central European Cinema
Literature and Society: Central European Writers
Ideas Behind Politics: Communism, Post-Communism and Civil Society
Czechs, Americans and Central Europeans –Cultural Contrasts and Common Ground
Central European Philosophy
Comprehending the Holocaust
Environmental Policy in the Central European Context
Influence of Czech Composers on Classical Music
Gothic, Baroque, Modern: Arts in Bohemia



St. Vitus Cathedral, Prague

For a comprehensive list of course titles and descriptions, go to:
<http://www.cerge-ei.cz/abroad/courses/core>

Academic Focus

This program will be particularly appropriate for students in anthropology, architectural studies, economics, European Studies, English and comparative literature, international relations, history, music, politics, religious studies, sociology and those interested in multicultural issues.

Eligibility

This program is open to juniors and seniors in good academic and social standing with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Due to the challenging nature of study abroad, student academic and disciplinary records will be carefully screened.