

**Summer
Study Abroad
2009**



Czech Republic

MAY 17-JUNE 19, 2009

Application Deadline
February 16, 2009

Credits
1-2 units

Language Prerequisite
None

Cost
Approximately \$5,500

Payment Schedule

- Non-refundable \$150 deposit due February 16, 2009 (make check payable to the University of Richmond, designated Czech Republic Study Abroad Program, and submit with your application)
- 1st payment due March 16
- Final payment due April 17

Prague

Students will live and study in Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic and one of Europe's most beautiful cities. Since the Velvet Revolution in 1989, which brought an end to 40 years of communism, Prague has been at the forefront of the sweeping social, cultural, and economic transformations that all of Central Europe is experiencing.

Program

Students will participate in lectures, discussions, cultural events, walking tours, and out-of-town trips to help them experience the culture and history of Central Europe firsthand. A total of 9 days will be spent on excursions to other sites in the region, including Krakow (Poland), Auschwitz concentration camp, the castles of Bohemia, Plzen (Pilsner), and the spa town of Karlovy Vary (Carlsbad).

Course Information

Students will be able to choose from the following selection of courses to complete up to 2 units while on the program.

1. European Integration. UR elective for PLSC or IS. This course examines the challenges facing the European Union as it begins to incorporate countries formerly under Soviet power.

2. History of Czech/Slovak Relations. This course will incorporate weekly field trips to sites of historical, economic, and cultural significance. You will be on your feet (and on local trains) a lot as you learn about the historical relations of people in this now-thriving part of Central Europe. History (or ISME) elective credit, also recommended for business students.

3. Science and Society in 20th Century Czech and Polish Literature. Fulfills UR FSLT requirement. Taught by Yvonne Howell with guest lectures by Czech writers and journalists. This course gives special attention to the satirical novels, plays, science fiction, and essays of important Czech and Polish writers who anticipated the 20th century's infatuation with science, markets, and ideology.

Additionally, students are encouraged to enroll in an Introduction to Czech Language course.

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What's Included

- UR tuition for up to 2 units
- Safe and comfortable housing in one of Prague's most charming neighborhoods
- Transportation and accommodation costs associated with 4-day trip to Krakow (Poland), and overnight trip through Bohemia, and day trips to Auschwitz, Karlovy Vary, etc.
- All necessary course reading material
- Working European cell phones for each student
- one month public transportation pass in Prague
- international health insurance

What's Not Included

- airfare to and from Prague
- most meals (breakfast included daily in living accommodations)

About the Program Director

Yvonne Howell has a PhD in Slavic languages, literatures, and cultures, with special emphasis on Russian and Czech. She has published articles on Czech science fiction and contemporary literature. Before coming to UR, she lived and worked in Prague for almost two years.

Prerequisites

- None

All dates and costs are approximate and subject to change as are program details. The University of Richmond reserves the right to alter the program costs as a result of fluctuations of international currency.