Summer 2011
Central Europe Program

May 16 - June 8, 2011

Program Dates
This is a 3-week program running from May 16 - June 8, 2011.

Application Deadline  Monday, November 1, 2010 at 5:00pm. Note that the application requires your advisor’s signature.

Faculty Director
The program will be led by Professor Charles Temple from the HWS Education Department. Professor Temple has travelled and consulted in Central Europe for 15 years, and was a Fulbright scholar in Romania in 2006. He led a semester-long version of the Central Europe program in 2005 and a three-week version in the summer of 2010.

Course Title
Ethnic Relations in Central Europe: Past to Present

Teaching Format
The program will feature visits to interesting sites in Hungary and Romania—including the city of Budapest and villages along the Danube in Hungary; and the ancient city of Cluj, rural villages, and the Carpathian mountains in Romania; talks with scholars and local activists; visits to schools for different ethnic groups; plus folk dancing, concerts, and hiking. Students will keep journals and record their learning in multimedia formats such as digital stories.
A required ½ credit Readers’ College in the spring of 2011 will introduce students to the geography, history, ethnography, and culture of the region, as well as navigational language pointers, so students will be prepared to make the most of their experiences once we touch down in Central Europe. The Readers’ College will also focus on writing and multi-media techniques for exploring intercultural experiences.

**Course Description**
The most interesting stories in Europe are found in the east—in Hungary and Romania and their neighbors, where the Roman legions met their match; where Genghis Khan’s attacks are still remembered; where the Huns wrought havoc, then founded a nation; where waves of Turks sent villagers into the hills, and Vlad Dracul (the real Dracula) emerged as a cruel hero to resist them; where the Hapsburg and Ottoman Empires jostled with each other, and left a dozen new states in their wake; where whole peoples—especially the Roma (“gypsies”), the Germans, and the Jews--immigrated, settled, and sometimes moved on again; where two world wars were fought village to village; where communism was imposed, then flourished, then stagnated, and then suddenly withdrew; and where the invitation to join capitalist Europe quickly changed the subject. The Roma (the “gypsies”) enliven the scene.

In Hungary and Romania many aspects of life are being rethought or invented anew: market economies are replacing socialist ones; civil societies are replacing authoritarian ones; a European identity is complementing nationalist ones; orderly relations among minority groups have replaced pogroms and wars; and new school programs are helping to shepherd all of these changes along. Scholars can tell us of all of these things, and remnants of them are found in the stories and songs, the traditional dress, the dances, the customs of farming and of food, and the lay-out and architecture of villages and towns.

Our course will focus first on the relations between minority groups, but we will also hear about the political and economic changes between the socialist era and the present one. And we will learn as much as we can about the culture of the various groups that inhabit these countries—especially the Romanians, the Hungarians, and the Roma, but others, too. You will have meetings with scholars, activists, and policy makers. You will experience folk dancing and country hikes. And you will carry out your own explorations of topics that interest you.

**Itinerary**
In Budapest, Hungary, where we will begin the program and stay one week, we will get to know the city, and explore nearby villages along the Danube. We will visit the Jewish Quarter, the castle at Buda, the Parliament, the Baths, the Museum of Terror, and the arts community of Szentendre.

During the week in Budapest, the course will focus in part on Hungary’s past from the migration from Central Asia to the accession to NATO and to the European Community. We will also undertake a study of modern Hungary’s relations with the Hungarian Diaspora, and also the situation of the Roma in Hungary and the history of the Jews in Budapest, where one of the largest Jewish populations in Eastern Europe still resides. This part of the program will be hosted by Central European University (CEU), with classroom facilities located near the Chain Bridge over the Danube, and an air conditioned international student dormitory on Kerepesi Avenue.
During the second and third weeks of the program we will study and explore the Transylvanian region of Romania, where we will be hosted by Babes Bolyai University in Cluj. Visits will be made to Roman ruins, a Roma community, and several Hungarian towns. We will take a longer 4-day excursion to the south of Transylvania, through the German towns of Sighisoara and Sibiu (Cultural Capital of Europe in 2007). We will also visit the Carpathian Mountains at Sinaia and Poiana Brasov, and the salt mine at Prayd.

The Romanian portion of the program will trace the history of Romania from the Dacians through the Romans, the Middle Ages, the Austro-Hungarian Empire, and the accession to the European Community and to NATO. The part of the course devoted to ethnic issues will examine relations among the various ethnic groups in Romania: mainly the Romanians, Hungarians and Roma, but also the Jews. The course will be taught by faculty from Babes Bolyai University.

We will fly in and out of Budapest. The city is served by many international flights daily, and also has discount air connections to other European destinations for those who wish to do more traveling before or after the program.

**Housing and Meals**
In Budapest, students will be housed in CEU’s residence hall at Kerepesi. In Cluj, students will stay in a hotel close to the university. Breakfast will be provided every day. Lunch and dinner are not included and can be taken at any of the downtown restaurants in Budapest and Cluj. Students should budget an extra $300 above and beyond program costs to cover extra meals. Three meals a day will be provided on the multi-day trip from Cluj.

**Eligibility**
Qualified first-years, sophomores and juniors will have priority. Seniors will be admitted on a space-available basis.

**GPA Requirement**
Students applying for this program should have a minimum of a 2.5 cumulative GPA for courses taken at HWS. In the case of first-year students, a high school transcript should be provided, since the application will be due before the release of grades from their first semester. *First years should also submit a note of endorsement from their advisor.*

**Credits**
This course will be worth one HWS course credit in Education, International Relations or European Studies (plus ½ credit for the Reader's College – see below). Advisors in related fields may choose to count the course for major/minor credit, as well, but students should discuss this with their advisors in advance.

**Pre-requisites**
All accepted students will take a Readers’ College in the spring semester, worth ½ a credit, which will meet weekly and will include readings on Hungary and Romania as well as language training.
Medical Insurance
Students will be required to purchase a three-week medical policy through HTH Worldwide for $26.50. If you are accepted to the program, the CGE will give you more information about this. This insurance will give you comprehensive coverage while abroad, including medical evacuation and repatriation.

Costs
Program fees will be approximately $2100 – 2300* for the 3-week program (depending on the number of students who are accepted), which will cover tuition, accommodation, breakfast daily, entrance fees, day trips and excursions (three meals a day will be provided on the multi-day excursion) and local travel within Central Europe. Students will need to budget an extra $300 above and beyond the program costs for the lunches and dinners not included. Students will also need to budget for roundtrip airfare at approximately $1000 – $1,200, books at $100, medical insurance at $26.50, optional immunizations at approximately $170 (see section on immunizations below) and a non-refundable administrative fee of $100 charged for all faculty-led short-term programs.

*Costs are subject to change based on currency fluctuations and changes in costs of services provided.

Flights
Group flights will be arranged by the CGE and accepted students will be notified of the cost and booking info for the flight once it’s available.

Passports and Visas
All students will need a passport valid until at least December 8, 2011 to participate in this program. Visas are not required unless you are not a U.S. citizen. Non U.S. citizens should see Sharon Walsh in the CGE about visas as soon as you are accepted.

Immunizations
Neither Hungary nor Romania presents noteworthy health risks. Nonetheless, Hepatitis A and typhoid immunizations are recommended for travelers to both countries. Hepatitis B is also recommended although many students will have had this when they came to college but you should check on this. Please check the CDC website http://wwwn.cdc.gov/travel/default.aspx to read more about the recommendations. If you choose to get immunizations, you can do this at a local medical clinic near your home (use this link to find travel medicine clinics: http://wwwn.cdc.gov/travel/contentTravelClinics.aspx), possibly with your home doctor or you can contact one of the Passport Health offices in Canandaigua, Rochester or Syracuse who provide travel immunizations. Their contact number is: (585) 275-8884.

Funding
In an effort to assist students in financial hardship wishing to participate in a short-term program, there is a limited pool of HWS funding available. If you are accepted to this program, we will invite you to submit a funding application. Funding will be allocated on a need basis and we will contact the financial aid office to verify your need status. We will also contact the Student Affairs office and the Dean’s office to access your social/disciplinary records as part of determining your eligibility for funding. We will let you
know whether you have been awarded funding before the deadline by which you are required to put down a deposit for your place on the program.

Questions?
If you have questions about this program, please contact Sharon Walsh in the Center for Global Education at 315 781-3663 or walsh@hws.edu.

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