Why should you attend?

Join us to experience the best of Central Europe, and compare and contrast public health efforts, health systems, determinants of health, and health disparities in the United States, Czech Republic, and Austria. To enhance understanding of the importance of culture as a determinant of health, students will travel for 12 days to Prague, Vienna, and Salzburg to experience geographical and historical landmarks, food, art, customs, music, politics, laws, and the economy in the Czech Republic and Austria. During travel abroad, students will engage in discussions during lectures at Central European universities, health organizations, and the United Nations in Vienna.

This course, HSC 4931, is taught by Professor Owen and co-led by Dr. Michele Moore. Students will earn three credit hours that will count toward satisfying the UNF requirement for summer enrollment. Students will stay at 3 and 4 star centrally-located hotels. Students must be at least 18 years old and possess a valid passport.

After enrolling in the course, all participants must attend at least one International Center safety orientation meeting (time/date/place TBA) and the faculty leaders’ orientation meeting.

For further information, contact one of the course faculty leaders.

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Location

Prague, the only Central European capital to escape the large-scale bombing of last century’s wars, is one of Europe’s best-preserved cities. Vienna, the capital and largest city in Austria, is home to the United Nations Office at Vienna. The UN in Vienna was established as the third United Nation Headquarter after New York and Geneva, Switzerland. Salzburg, with its backdrop of mountains, churches, castles, and palaces is rich in culture, and students will examine how this culture influences health behaviors and the planning of health promotion program efforts.

Conducting the study abroad in Czech Republic and Austria will provide students with a unique opportunity to explore human rights and the current refugee crisis. We will visit the Prague Center for Global Health, the Prague National Institute of Public Health, the UN Human Rights Commission, Doctors Without Borders, the UN Office of Drugs and Crime, Austrian Red Cross, Paracelsus Medical University in Salzburg, and the Salzburg Red Cross. Students will examine these and other key actors working together to enhance global health through major global initiatives for disease prevention and health promotion.

The Academic Program

Students will register for the Summer A term for the Special Topics course HSC 4931, Public Health in Central Europe. The class begins May 11, 2016 and ends June 17, 2016 with travel abroad time being from May 14th to May 25th. Class at UNF will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00a.m.-12:30p.m. Tuition is paid through normal procedures. Cost of UNF tuition is not included in the price of the program.

Accommodations

Students will be staying in air-conditioned, 3 and 4 star hotels centrally located to our studies, parks, museums, landmarks, and within walking distance to the old town areas in each of the destinations.

Costs

Students seeking assistance with this program can apply for the Student Affairs International Learning Scholarship (SAILS). The funds for this competitive scholarship are available for study abroad trips in the amount of $1,500. Estimated basic cost for the twelve-day program, before the SAILS scholarship is applied, is approximately $3,650. This price includes airfare and ground transportation, overseas health insurance, lodging (including breakfast), entry fees to landmarks, costs for local day excursions and money for personal expenses such as lunches and dinner. The total cost, before personal expenses of approximately $600 for lunch and dinner, is $3,050. The price of the program may rise due to outside factors, but any money left over after the end of the program will be refunded to participants. NOTE: UNF tuition must be paid separately when registering for the Summer A term.

Deadlines – Important Dates

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Notes: 2nd & 3rd Payments are estimates based on 20 students. (Does not include the $600 in meals)

United Nations in Vienna

Tentative sightseeing in Prague, Vienna, and Salzburg includes:

- Charles Bridge, John Lennon Wall, Communist Memorial, Prague Castle, Wenceslaus Square, St. Vitus Cathedral, and Astronomical Clock
- St. Stephens Cathedral, Hoffburg Palace, Schonbrunn, and Prater Park
- Molthausen Concentration Camp, Vienna Lake District, St. Gilgen, and Hangar 7
- Werfen Ice Caves and Hallein Salt Mines