

Live and Learn in the Czech Republic

12 May – 6 June 2009



Olomouc City Hall (left),
Palacky University Students
(above)

GENERAL INFORMATION- This exciting study abroad program serves the needs of all college majors. Students can earn 6 or 7 credit hours that include courses in Psychology (Educational, Dr. Jim Reffel; Industrial-Organizational, Dr. Larry Wiley; Abnormal, History, and Special Topics), and Czech Cultural Studies (Dr. Robert Bauer). There will be opportunities for physical activities, excursions, and the exhilaration of Living and Learning in the Center of Europe. This MayMester 2009 program builds on previous international development activities and is offered in partnership with Palacky University, in the historic city of Olomouc, Czech Republic. This will be the fourth year to take students to the Czech Republic. Seats fill quickly so contact us early.

Students from any college or university are eligible to enroll in the program. Fulltime faculty members from the Valdosta State University will teach the classes, along with faculty from Palacky University. Faculty and students in Olomouc will participate in field placements, excursions, and learning about the community. Students who participate in this program can also return to their local campus for additional summer coursework.

PROGRAM DATES AND STRUCTURE - Participants depart for the Czech Republic from Atlanta, GA, on Tuesday, 12 May and return Saturday, 6 June 2009. Flights are non-stop, Atlanta to Prague and return. Classes meet on Tuesday and Thursday with field experiences and course-related activities on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Saturday and Sunday are reserved for travel excursions. Field experiences and excursions are integrated into the curriculum to enhance classroom instruction and to take advantage of being in the Heart of Europe. Placements for observation have been developed in public schools, agencies, and businesses.

PROGRAM LOCATION- The host institution is Palacky University, founded in 1573, is one of the oldest and most highly respected universities in the Czech Republic. It is located in Olomouc, a city of more than 100,000 population, the administrative and historic capital of the picturesque Moravian region. Due to its rich history, time-honored university, culture and crafts traditions, Olomouc has always been an attractive location for tourists, merchants, and business people. Because of its central location in Europe, travel to Vienna, Krakow, and Prague is easy.

PROGRAM COSTS- The entire package costs \$2,700 for the 26-day program. This cost includes the following items:

- Airfare to and from the Czech Republic (Atlanta to Prague and return, direct, non-stop flights)
- Ground transportation between the Prague airport and Palacky University in Olomouc
- Accommodations/Housing
- Czech Faculty
- Field Excursions, including Poland (Auschwitz & Krakow) and Austria (Vienna)
- Study Abroad Insurance, ground transportation passes in Olomouc and Prague
- International Student Identity Card (ISIC)

The package cost does not include tuition, textbooks, meals, passport and related expenses, spending money, ground transportation to and from Hartsfield International Airport, Atlanta, GA, or any other costs beyond those listed above. Students should plan to budget a minimum of \$400 to \$600 for meals, theater tickets, entrance fees, evening entertainment, etc. If students plan extended travel or major shopping, additional funds should be budgeted. If course excursions involve additional fees; course instructors will inform students before leaving Atlanta.

All costs are subject to change because of unanticipated increases in airfares or other program elements or fluctuations in monetary exchange rates. We will make every effort to keep program costs as advertised and will inform prospective participants of any changes as they occur.

FINANCIAL AID- Courses in the 2009 *Live and Learn in the Czech Republic Program* are part of the regular offerings of VSU and other University System of Georgia institutions; therefore, students may apply for loans or grants, including HOPE, for which they would normally be eligible.

CONTACT INFORMATION- For more information and application forms for *Live and Learn* in the Czech Republic Study Program contact:

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Deadlines:
**23 January 2009, \$150; submission of application
and 1st payment;**
2 February 2009, \$1,250, 2nd payment;
12 March 2009, \$1,300, final payment.

Live and Learn in the Czech Republic 2009 website: <http://www.valdosta.edu/coe/psychology/studyabroad/>

