

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

College of A&S Short-Term Travel Abroad

Department of Psychological & Brain Sciences

Peace, Justice & Conflict Transformation Program (in collaboration with Association for Transitional Justice in Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Summer 2014

PSYC408-02

International Service Learning & Research Program: **BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA/CROATIA**

Applications with \$100 deposit due October 1, 2013 ***

This off-campus cultural immersion experience is intended to expose students to applicable theories of intergroup contact, direct approaches to conflict resolution/transformation, transitional justice, and empirical research specific to the 1991-1995 civil wars in Bosnia -Herzegovina, and Croatia. Emphasis is based on cognitive, social, and peace psychology perspectives.

Learning/Research Experience

Based on the pedagogical model of learningthrough-doing, students will develop knowledge of the impact that intergroup contact has in assisting conflict resolution/transformation, behavioral and mental health, and multicultural understanding, as they develop their communication and leadership skills.

Multiple Learning Environments

Students will be engaged in social activism at an international level, connecting directly with the field research activities of the faculty director. While abroad, students will be engaged in multiple learning environments specific to developing a deeper understanding and respect for cultural/ethnic/religious diversity through direct contact and interaction with individuals from Bosnia-Herzegovina/Croatia.



Bosnian Croat soldiers taken as prisoners pass a Bosnian Serb soldier after surrendering

Educational Enrichment

Students will gain critical thinking skills that entail effective communication and commitment to overcoming our native egocentrism and sociocentrism.

Once selected, students are required to register for the Spring Term PSYC course: Intergroup Contact and Conflict Resolution. These pre-departure sessions will include completion of the CITI Human Subject's Protection Training Basic Course for social and behavioral research.

Service learning, journal writing while abroad, and a portfolio will serve as the basis for an empirical grade. Self reflection will be an integral process in completing the required portfolio.



Over 3 million displaced in wars that raged in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia 1991 – 1995

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Application and \$100 deposit (applied to program cost) due 10/1/13.

Applications can be found at: http:// louisville.edu/artsandsciences/international

Preference will be given to Junior or Senior Psychology majors or minors.

2014 PROGRAM COST ~\$3,500

- Round trip airfare from Louisville to host country
- All domestic transportation while abroad
- Accommodations
- International Student ID Card
- **Excursion fees**
- 6 credit hours (tuition credit)
- Does not include: passport, personal items, additional spending money, optional excursions, and meals (some meals may be included as part of the accommodation package).

Schedule of Program Fee Payments:

- * Initial deposit \$100 (with Program application) due on 10/1/13
- Second payment \$250 due on 12/1/13
- * Remaining Universal Application materials and third payment - 1/2 of remaining balance due on 2/1/14
- * Final payment due on 3/1/14

FINANCIAL AID:

Financial aid and/or scholarships may be available through the College of A&S, the International Center, and other sources. Please visit their respective websites for application information.



7 -10 days abroad Travel dates to be announced by 2/1/14.

Course Prerequisites

PSYC201, 301 (or equivalent course), 302 (or Faculty Director approval), and the required pre-requisite Spring 2014 course.

GPA: minimum 3.0 Cumulative and Major Application is open to Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, Political Science, Justice Administration, and Religious Studies majors and minors.

Interview Required

Each applicant will be required to participate in a one-on-one interview with the Faculty Director before the selection process has been completed in October.

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