FACULTY

Program Director Dr. Hana Cervinkova is a professor of cultural anthropology and the founding director of the International Institute for the Study of Culture and Education, a center for practice and scholarship at the University of Lower Silesia in Wroclaw. She has been an academic partner of Syracuse University Abroad for 12 years and co-teaches Negotiating Identities Across Europe’s Borders with Dr. Juliet Golden, a specialist in Central European History and international education.

Dr. Golden also co-teaches East Central Europe in the 20th Century with Polish-American sociologist Prof. Elzbieta Matynia of the New School for Social Research and the University of Lower Silesia.

Other program faculty include prominent Polish bilingual professors who have experience teaching both U.S. and international students. Among them are political philosophers Professors Lotar Rasiński and Adam Chmielowski; Prof. Dominika Ferens, an expert in queer and feminist theories; sociologists and activists Drs. Małgorzata Maciejewska, Katarzyna Gawlić, and Marcin Starnawski; and Polish language teacher Dr. Łukasz Rogoziński.

Students will meet and work with other experts during field trips and guest lectures and in independent studies and internship and volunteering settings.

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The Culture and Politics of Reconciliation

THE CULTURE AND POLITICS OF RECONCILIATION program allows you to explore Central Europe with a group of dedicated students and professors as you travel to and study in nine European cities in four countries—Warsaw, Berlin, Dresden, Prague, Auschwitz, Krakow, Lublin, Sejny, and Vilnius. Learn about the history, processes, and struggles of reconciliation in these rapidly transforming urban spaces. Have the opportunity to begin work on your distinction and capstone projects. And take courses with U.S. and European students in a range of disciplines, from geography to economics to neuroscience to Polish, at three different universities in Wroclaw.

ACADEMICS

Negotiating Identities Across Europe’s Borders
ANT/SEES/HIST/RP/PSC 300.1/WRT 400.3/CRS 400.1 (3 credits) Signature Seminar; required; course approved for SU international relations capstone

East Central Europe in the 20th Century
HIST/PSC 300.2 (3 credits) required

Exploring Culture and Society in Transition: Gender, Sexuality, Class, and Race in Poland
ANT/QAX/WGS 300.2 (3 credits) optional

Discord and Unity: Engaging the Contemporary World through Ethics and Philosophy
PHI/PSC 300.3 (3 credits) optional

Beginning Polish
POL 101 (4 credits) optional

Civil Society East and West
PSC/SOC 380 (3 credits) optional

OTHER COURSES

In addition to the core curriculum, you can take courses, including in foreign languages, at three local universities. The current listings of courses will be provided at your request. If you wish to take an additional course, it must be approved prior to your arrival in Wroclaw.

Courses in chemistry, biology, and other STEM disciplines may be available at the University of Natural Sciences in Wroclaw if requested in advance.

Courses in economics, finance, business, and other social science disciplines may be available at the University of Economics in Wroclaw if requested in advance.

INDEPENDENT STUDIES

Students can complete independent studies under the supervision of local faculty in a range of subjects at the University of Lower Silesia and other universities in Wroclaw.

INTERNSHIPS AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

A range of internships and volunteering opportunities are available for students while in Wroclaw, especially in non-governmental organizations that focus on human rights, immigration, social justice, and sustainable development.

URBAN LABS CENTRAL EUROPE

During your semester abroad, you will publish original essays and photographs on the website www.urbanlabsce.eu, a student-driven project designed especially for this SU Abroad program. The project grows from the tradition of action research, which aims at transforming knowledge into practical social action. Therefore, these diverse contributions prepared following study tours and in-class exchanges are intended to give students a voice in deliberations about Europe’s past and its futures.

“...The director, Hana, is more than happy to accommodate anyone who has specific class requirements to fulfill. I requested to take General Chemistry I abroad and she set me up with the best college science class, bar none. I met Polish students in lab and was able to laugh with them, be silly, and learn about cool trends, all while making solutions and doing chemistry. I came out of that class fully prepared for Chemistry II on main campus and with the added bonus of a one-of-a-kind experience.”

Megan Laura Newell
Neuroscience and political science major
Syracuse University

LIVING IN WROCLAW

Wroclaw, Poland (pronounced vrotswav), a beautiful and energetic city, will be your home base. Your dormitory is situated in the very heart of Wroclaw, with excellent public transportation to the university and other parts of the city. You will stay in single, double, or triple rooms, each with a private bathroom. The shared kitchen is well-equipped with appliances and other kitchenware. Additional amenities include wireless Internet and 24-hour security.