Exploring Central Europe 2.0
Fall 2020 Program

Syracuse Central Europe Center

Syracuse Abroad
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*SLO/Housing office does not recommend scheduling a departure date after Wednesday, December 16th.

Gdansk, Poland, Largest Medieval Port Crane in Europe
Travel with purpose during your semester

Signature Seminar in Poland
• 15 days to major cities and sites off the beaten track
• Route: Gdansk, Sejny, Lublin, Warsaw, Wroclaw.
• Program infused with Central Europe perspective through exploration of the border regions with Russia, Lithuania, Belarus, and Ukraine.

Weekend Study Tours
• Germany (Berlin, Dresden)
• Czech Republic (Prague)
• Poland (Krakow, Auschwitz/Oswiecim)
Once the most prosperous port on the Baltic Sea, the charming city of Gdansk is the birthplace of the Solidarity movement. The 1980 Solidarity-led strike in the Gdansk Shipyard marked the beginning of the end of Soviet domination in Central Europe. Gdansk was also the site of one of the first battles of WWII. The history and memory of these seminal events will be explored in two museums in this once multicultural metropolis - The Second World War Museum and the European Solidarity Center.
The largest castle in Poland and the largest brick building in the world, the Castle of the Teutonic Order in Malbork offers a unique vantage point to uncover layers of European history starting in the medieval period. Built as a monastery for crusading military monks, and later a bastion defending the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, from the 18th century, following the partitions of Poland, Malbork was part of Prussia and later the German Empire. Today, Malbork is one of 16 sites in Poland inscribed on UNESCO’s World Heritage List.
From our base at the former manor house of the Nobel Laureate Czeslaw Milosz, located near Poland’s border with Lithuania in the Suwalki Lake District, we interact with and learn from the artists, thinkers, civic activists and educators from the world renowned Borderland Foundation.
The cultural, political and spiritual landscape changes as we move southward toward Lublin, a medieval trading center located roughly an hour’s drive from the Ukrainian border. In Lublin, we again consider the outstanding work of grassroots activists, who confront the legacy of war, border changes, genocide and ethnic cleansings to foster reconciliation and the building of democratic and participatory democracy.
The initial traveling seminar will end in Poland’s vibrant capital city of Warsaw, which was almost completely razed to the ground during the Nazi occupation. Old Town Warsaw, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, was faithfully rebuilt relying on historical documentation and artworks that survived the war. In this city of two uprisings - the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising of 1943 and the Warsaw Uprising of 1944, we will consider how this history is being taught today through new museum projects: The Warsaw Rising Museum and Polin - the Museum of the History of Polish Jews.
This year’s Exploring Central Europe will include a study tour in Dresden, a city that has struggled for the past 75 years with the legacy of the Allied carpet-bombing of 1945. Our trip to Dresden will follow a stay in Berlin, which will coincide with the 31st anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall.

In both Dresden and Berlin, we will study Germany’s attempts to forge a new path of global leadership while confronting the ghosts of its Nazi and politically-divided past.
Global Learning Opportunities - As a part of your coursework, you will make original contributions to the program website, Urban Labs Central Europe. Visit [www.urbanlabsce.eu](http://www.urbanlabsce.eu) to learn more!
Meet your Center staff

Juliet D. Golden, Ph.D.
• Center Director

Ula Klobuszewska, M.A.
• Program Coordinator
Additional student support abroad

**International SOS**

- Medical & Security Advisory Service available 24/7 providing access to medical care and security advice if an issue comes up abroad.

**Alert Traveler**

- GPS function that provides pertinent alerts, advisories and communication with students through a mobile app should an emergency situation arise.

**Syracuse Abroad resources:**

- Seth Tucker: Director of Global Safety
- Bridget Demorest: Asst. Director of Student Services
Contact us with questions!

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