PRAGUE & BUDAPEST: MANAGEMENT IN TRANSITIONAL ECONOMIES

Maymester Study Abroad Program: May 16–27, 2016

THE PROGRAM
This program has been designed to provide students with an understanding of the dynamics that affect doing business in or with transition economies. Building on a base of historical factors and global pressures, the Czech and Hungarian economies will be examined in terms of the challenges of international business. The first phase of this course (conducted in Atlanta during the week of May 7-13) will address the background of Czech and Hungarian economic development strategies in light of the transition from the communist era. Lectures, videos, and discussions in class will demonstrate how the profound economic and institutional changes over the last two decades have affected both individuals and organizations.

The second phase (May 16-27) will serve as a capstone. This will involve a trip to Prague and Budapest (as well as Bratislava, Slovakia). They are considered among the most beautiful cities in the world.

The overseas segment will emphasize company visits supplemented by sessions at Czech and Hungarian Government ministries and international organizations. The visits will be complemented by presentations of local experts and professors at host institutions. Lectures and other activities will be conducted in English.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Participants will stay in business hotels (double occupancy) in Prague and Budapest.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION
Students with documented disabilities who may need accommodations during their study abroad experience should discuss these needs with the Program Director and the Office of Disability Services at the time of application.

Tentative Itinerary

5/15 Leave Atlanta
5/16 Arrive in the Czech Republic, Tour Prague
5/17 Orientation to the Czech Republic, Company Visits
5/18 Company Visits
5/19 Company Visits, Historic Sites
5/20 Company Visits
5/21 Travel to Bratislava and Budapest
5/22 Free Day in Budapest
5/23 Company Visits
5/24 Company Visits/Historic Sites
5/25 Company Visits
5/26 Company Visits
5/27 Leave Budapest, Arrive in Atlanta

CONTACT INFORMATION
The program co-directors will be Professors David Bruce and Pedro Carrillo, Institute of International Business RCB 14th floor). For information about the program contact Professor Bruce (404/413 7279; dbruce@gsu.edu) or Professor Carrillo (404/413 7280; pcarrillo@gsu.edu) at the Robinson College of Business, Institute of International Business, 35 Broad St., Georgia State University, University Plaza, Atlanta, GA 30303-3083.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 8, 2016
ELIGIBILITY
Program size is limited and participation is contingent upon acceptance by the Program Director.
The program is open to undergraduate and graduate students who meet all academic requirements of the Georgia State University J. Mack Robinson College of Business.

CREDITS AND COURSES
The program is open to undergraduate (IB 4410) and graduate students (IB 8410) who meet all academic requirements of the Georgia State University Robinson College of Business (see appropriate university catalog). Program size is limited and participation is contingent upon acceptance by the Program Director.
Students from other institutions should follow their institution’s regulations concerning transfer credits.

APPLICATION INFORMATION
Students interested in applying should find this program’s listing at mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and begin an online application. Transient Students: please see the Transients Student section under the Explore & Apply tab.
International Students at Georgia State who hold F-1 visas must contact the Office of International Student and Scholar Services at 404-413-2070 to discuss the possible implications of study abroad for their immigration status.

COST
Program cost may vary at any time according to currency fluctuations and changing travel arrangements. The program cost is tentatively set at $4,500, PLUS regular Georgia State University tuition and fees. Non-resident/out-of-state students will pay in-state tuition plus a $250 fee in addition to the program cost.

FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS
Georgia State University students are eligible to apply for the IEF Study Abroad Scholarship/Georgia State University Foundation Scholarship and may be eligible to apply for the Global Experience Scholarship. Visit mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and select the Scholarships & Financial Aid tab or call the Study Abroad Programs office at (404) 413-2529 for more information.

Because program size is limited, early application is strongly advised. Individual interviews may be scheduled with students upon receipt of application.