

Turkey



Short-term Faculty-led Study Away Program • Summer 2014 • May 18 - June 11, 2014

Course Name: **The History and Politics of Identity in Turkey**

Course Numbers: **PLS 497/797**

Credit Hours: **6** undergraduate/graduate

Course Overview & Objectives:

To provide students with a deep understanding of the diversity within a country like Turkey and the identity issues that unite and divide various groups in the country.

To ensure quality and attention from the professor, this program can accommodate a maximum of only 7 students. Students wishing to participate must include a 1-page (maximum) statement with their application explaining why they want to go on the trip. Although preference is given to political science, global studies and Middle East studies majors, other majors are welcome to apply as well. If there are more than 7 applications to go on the trip, the professor will select the top 7 based on personal statements, GPA and similar factors and put others on a waiting list.

Students wishing to receive graduate course credit will have to submit a minimum 2500 word research essay within 1 month of completing the travel to Turkey.

Program Fee: \$2,300

Program Fee Includes: All travel within Turkey (including domestic flights); all breakfasts, at least 2 lunches and 2 dinners (more if budget savings permit); all nights of accommodation within Turkey; all tours and admission to sites listed on the itinerary; health insurance; Study Away fee. Separated costs not available.

Program Fee Excludes: Airfare, visa (\$40 at airport), passport, most meals, incidentals/misc personal expenses, and souvenirs. MSU tuition for 6 hours of undergraduate credit. Both Missouri residents and non-residents pay the MO resident per-credit-hour tuition rate, per University policy.

Applications are due by January 31, 2014.

A nonrefundable deposit of \$345 will be billed to your student account. Please see Application & Payment Procedures for MSU and Visiting Students on reverse.

Scholarship Eligibility & Financial Aid

Students may apply for the College of Humanities and Public Affairs Study Away scholarship. Applications are due to the Study Away office by April 11, 2014. Please see the scholarship page on the Study Away website. Additionally, students who receive financial aid may apply aid to this program. Contact the Office of Financial Aid at 836-5262 for more information.

Informational Meeting:

TBA

Application Due:

January 31, 2014

Pre-Travel Meetings:

TBA

Depart Springfield for Turkey:

May 18, 2014

Depart Turkey for Springfield:

June 11, 2014

Post-Travel Meetings:

TBA

Interested in going?

Contact the Program Director,

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Course Schedule & Itinerary

Pre-Travel Class Meetings: TBA

There will be 1 pre-departure meeting in April. Attendance at this approximately 2-hour long meeting is mandatory. The meeting will include a map quiz and pre-departure information. Day and time TBD.

Students must inform the trip leader by March 1 of their flight itinerary and show proof that they purchased their flight to Istanbul. For assistance in booking their flights, students may speak with Denise Medforth in the study abroad office.

STUDY TOUR

Dates and activities subject to change.

May 18, 2014: All trip participants should be in Istanbul by the morning of May 19. Those desiring assistance transferring from the airport to the hotel must arrive either on May 18 or the morning of May 19.

May 19, 2014: Afternoon: A local orientation walking tour will be conducted around the Sultanahmet area, the heart of Istanbul Old City

May 20, 2014: Participate in a walking tour to the famous Grand Bazaar and the Egyptian Spice Market. Afternoon: Bosphorus Cruise and Tour. Take a cruise along the Bosphorus and visit the Rumeli Hisar fortress. Evening: Taksim, Bebek (modern side of Istanbul).

May 21, 2014: Walk to Pera district (renowned for its architecture and 'European' style) and visit Neve Shalom Sephardic Synagogue and Santa Maria Catholic Church. Also visit Galatasaray tower.

May 22, 2014: Haghia Sofia, Blue Mosque and Topkapi Palace visit. Early evening meeting with Gezi Park protest leader.

May 23, 2014: Visit of Koc University and surrounding area. Guest lecture from Koc University Professor Murat Somer (secularism in Turkey). Tour Koc University and conversation with Koc University students.

May 24, 2014: Arrive Eceabat and depart for Gallipoli Battlefields tour. Visit: Kabatepe Museum, Brighton Beach, ANZAC Cove, ANZAC Commemorative Site, Ariburnu & Beach Cemetery, Respect to Mehmetcik Memorial, Lone Pine Australian Memorial, Johnston's Jolly, (Turkish and Allied trenches and tunnels), 57. Regiment Memorial, The Nek, Chunuk Bair New Zealand Memorial, Statue of Ataturk at Chunuk Bair.

May 25, 2014: Gallipoli Beach day. Snorkelling in the Aegean Sea by a sunken ship wreck.

May 26, 2014: Travel to Ankara.

May 27, 2014: Visits in the Turkish Parliament with the main political parties -- AKP, CHP, MHP, DTP.

May 28, 2014: Finish visits with the main political parties AKP, CHP, MHP, DTP. Meeting at Turkish Foreign Ministry. Explore modern Ankara.

May 29, 2014: Morning visit to Ataturk's mausoleum (Anitkabir) and museum of War of Independence. Afternoon visit Bilkent University and guest lecture with professors Nur Bilge Criss and Nil Satana.

May 30, 2014: Morning briefing at the United States Embassy. Visit the Anatolian Civilizations Museum; which exhibits the remains from 6500 BC till the present time from all around Anatolia and was elected as the first "European Museum of the Year" in 1997. Afternoon hike up to the citadel of Ulus.

May 31, 2014: Morning transfer to Cappadocia (9 a.m. bus). Mid-Term exam.

June 1, 2014: Visit of the Goreme Open-Air Museum, which is full of pink, rose and white tapering columns. These tall free standing cones of stone curve and twist as if pulled from earth like taffy. Others are tall like fairy chimneys. The caves were settled in the 4th century as monasteries. In the afternoon visit Derinkuyu Underground city which has eight floors extend at a depth of approximately 85m. Hiking at Ihlara Valley with 16 km long gorge cut into volcanic rock in the southern part of Cappadocia, following several eruptions of Mount Erciyes. Through the valley flows Melendiz Stream.

June 2-3, 2014: Free days for exploration and travel.

June 4, 2014: Late afternoon hike to top of Van Castle.

June 5, 2014: Meeting with Mayor of Van to explain the concerns in the region, as well as an official of the Insan Halk Dernegi (the Human Rights Foundation). Visit to UNHCR Field Office and Tegev NGO assisting refugees in Van.

June 6, 2014: Travel to Dogubeyazit, visit Ishakpasa Palace.

June 7, 2014: Visit Akdamar Island.

June 8, 2014: Rural life of Eastern Anatolia. Visit local village and learn about local customs. Group Dinner.

June 9, 2014: Free morning in Van (study time). Afternoon final exam.

June 10, 2014: Morning flight to Istanbul. Free afternoon in Istanbul. Farewell dinner on the Bosphorus.

June 11, 2014: Depart for Springfield.

Course Credit & Requirements

Students must fulfill the academic requirements of the course as outlined below:

- Attend all pre-travel class meetings and lectures; actively participate in discussions
- Complete all assigned readings
- During the study tour, attend all group meetings, field trips and excursions
- Maintain a daily reflection journal

Required texts: TBD.

Assessment of learning: Students will receive a letter grade based upon their participation in all facets of the course.

Application & Payment Procedures

Missouri State University students and others who are approved by a Program Director may apply. Instructions are included on the program application.

MSU Students: A non-refundable deposit of \$345 will be billed to your University account upon application (deadline Jan. 31, 2014). You will receive a second billing on Feb. 28, 2014 and a final billing on March 31, 2014, for the balance of the program fee (\$1,955). MSU course tuition will be billed to your University account and is due according to the university payment plan.

Visiting Students: A non-refundable deposit of \$345 (check or money order) must accompany your application (deadline Jan. 31, 2014). A check or money order for the balance of the program fee (\$1,955) and MSU course tuition will be due by April 18, 2014.

IN ORDER TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION IN THIS STUDY AWAY PROGRAM, THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE PROGRAM FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 2, 2014. PAYMENT CAN BE MADE ONLINE OR AT THE BURSAR'S OFFICE.

Estimated program fees are based on rates in effect on the publication date of this flyer and may be subject to change. Program participants agree to a potential increase of up to 10% if rates increase before or during travel.

Cancellation & Refund Policies

- Students who withdraw prior to April 7, 2014 will receive a refund of fees paid, less the \$345 deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.
- If a student is forced to withdraw after April 7, 2014 for a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the \$345 deposit and expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.
- Students withdrawing voluntarily after April 7, 2014, or withdrawing due to medical reasons not protected under the fees refund policy, receive no refund.
- Once the program has started, no refunds will be issued under any circumstances.
- All notifications of withdrawal must be made in writing and sent to the Program Director and Director of Study Away Programs at the Study Away Office, Jim D. Morris Center, Suite 403. Non-payment of fees does not guarantee automatic withdrawal.