

# Croatia

## Short-term Faculty-led Study Away Program • Spring Break 2013 • March 8-17, 2013

Course Name: **Understanding the Yugoslav Civil Wars**

Course Numbers: **PLS 497/797**

Credit Hours: **3** (undergraduate or graduate, with enhanced content)

### Course Overview & Objectives:

During the 1980s, the Yugoslav Federal Republic experienced growing tensions. While the Serbian part of the federation sought greater central control of the country, Slovenia and Croatia pushed for more autonomy and self-determination. In 1991 the tensions broke out into civil war. For the next five years, as the international community impotently watched from the sidelines, Yugoslavia experienced one of the most brutal and devastating armed conflicts in modern European history.

This course attempts to give students a better understanding of this conflict, particularly from the point of view of the people of Dubrovnik – an ancient city and UNESCO world heritage site on the Croatian coast. Dubrovnik and its surrounding areas experienced months of devastating attacks from the Serbian armed forces during the war, the scars of which are still visible today.

### Program Fee: **\$2,495**

**Program Fee Includes:** Airfare, breakfasts and 2 dinners, ground transportation, tours and accommodation. Study Away student fee and basic medical insurance; separated costs not available.

### Program Fee Excludes:

Lunches and 6 dinners, travel to and from Springfield airport, personal expenses, and \$601.44/726.00 MSU tuition for 3 hours of undergraduate or graduate credit. Both Missouri residents and non-residents pay the Mo. resident per-credit-hour tuition rate, per University policy.

### Applications are due by **November 2, 2012**

A **nonrefundable deposit of \$375** 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 Study Away scholarship to study abroad during winter intersession 2013, spring 2013, and summer 2013 terms. The scholarship is need-based for full-time MSU degree-seeking students with a minimum 3.0 GPA enrolled in an approved Study Away program. Students must complete the scholarship application by October 15, 2012.

Students who receive financial aid through MSU may apply that aid to the program, if eligible. Contact the Office of Financial Aid at 836-5262 for more information.

Informational Meeting:

**TBA**

Application Due:

**November 2, 2012**

Pre-travel Class Meetings

**Wed. March 6, 2013**

**Thurs. March 7, 2013**

Depart Springfield for Dubrovnik:

**March 8, 2013**

Depart Dubrovnik for Springfield:

**March 17, 2013**

Post-travel Meeting, Final Exam:

**March 20, 2013**

### Interested in going?

Contact the Program Director,  
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# Study Away!

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## Course Schedule & Itinerary

### COURSE OUTLINE

The class will meet in Springfield for two three-hour lectures and group discussions prior to travel. Locations and times of these meetings will be announced later. Additional lectures will be arranged in Croatia and will be given by local experts.

#### Lectures 1 & 2:

- 1) General causes of violent political conflict
- 2) Ethnicity and nationalism
- 3) Civil wars and their resolution

### STUDY TOUR

Morning lecture series on Croatian history and culture given by Professor Mato Brautović (University of Zagreb) at the Inter-University Center Dubrovnik.

#### March 8, 2013

Depart Springfield for Dubrovnik, Croatia.

#### March 9, 2013

Arrive in Dubrovnik.

#### March 10, 2013

Free day to explore the city and recover from travel.

#### March 11, 2013

A lecture with Professor Brautović on the pre-20th century Balkans and the formation of different ethno-religious communities.

#### March 12, 2013

Morning lecture with Professor Brautović on Yugoslavia from the 1912-1914 war to World War Two. In the afternoon, take a walking tour of old Dubrovnik to learn about early Balkan history and identities.

#### March 13, 2013

Professor Brautović lectures on Yugoslavia under Marshall Tito and in the 1980s, with focus on the years immediately preceding Slovenia and Croatia's declarations of independence.



#### March 14, 2013

Final morning lecture from Professor Brautović on the Third Yugoslav Civil War of Independence, with focus on the attack on the Dubrovnik area and the role of media in sparking the war. Afternoon and evening tour of old Dubrovnik areas damaged during the war and a trip to the mountain ridge and villages southeast of Dubrovnik to see important war-related sites.

#### March 15, 2013

Day trip to Mostar, Bosnia to experience a Bosnian Muslim view of the war.

#### March 16, 2013

Half day trip to Ston, a village on the coast north of Dubrovnik, famous around the world for its oysters, sea salt works, and beaches.

#### March 17, 2013

Return to Springfield, MO.

### POST-TRAVEL CLASS MEETING

Final examination administered Wed, March 20 in Springfield.

## Course Credit & Requirements

Students must keep a journal which focuses on key points from the lectures and tries to relate these to discussions they have with people they meet during their free time. In this sense, "free time" in Croatia is not completely "free."

Students are expected to make an effort to meet and speak with people from the former Yugoslavia and Croatia and learn about their perspectives on the history and politics of the region. Journals must be submitted to David Romano at the final exam. *Students wishing to receive graduate credit for this course must submit a 2500 word research essay, on a topic approved by the professor leading the trip, within one month of completing the Croatia trip.*

### Assessment of Learning

The course includes an essay format final exam covering all content of the course. A journal requirement fulfills the "reflection" criteria. Participation in program activities also plays a prominent role in student evaluations. For graduate students, a term paper will be due within one month of the return date 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 **\$375** will be billed to your University account upon application (deadline Nov. 2, 2012). You will receive a second billing on Dec. 7, 2012 and a final billing on Jan. 18, 2013, for the balance of the program fee (\$2,120). MSU course tuition (\$601.44/726.00) will be billed to your University account and is due according to the university payment plan.

**Visiting Students:** A non-refundable deposit of **\$375** (check or money order) must accompany your application (deadline Nov. 2, 2012). A check or money order for the **balance of the program fee (\$2,120) will be due by Feb. 22, 2013**. MSU course tuition (\$601.44/726.00) will be billed to your University account and is due according to your payment plan.

**IN ORDER TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION IN THIS STUDY AWAY PROGRAM, THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE PROGRAM FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEB. 22, 2013. 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 January 25, 2013 will receive a refund of fees paid, less the **\$375** deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.
- If a student is forced to withdraw after Jan. 25, 2013 or a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the **\$375** deposit and expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.
- Students withdrawing voluntarily after Jan. 25, 2013, 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.
- The program will be cancelled if enrollment is fewer than 11 participants. In this event, students will receive a full refund.