

CROSS-CULTURAL SKILL DEVELOPMENT IN EDUCATION

PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

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2 WEEKS ABROAD, 2 WEEKS ON CAMPUS

JSU PASSPORT TO THE WORLD
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Learning beyond boundaries



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ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

Students will develop cross-cultural skills that deepen their understanding of educational systems across cultural lines and develop stronger interpersonal skills. Students will also develop research projects of international scope under faculty supervision. Through site visits and field trips, students will develop and enhance cross-cultural awareness and sensitivity. Students will recognize how historical, political, economic, technological, and cultural events and issues affect educational perspectives of a society and the education system.

ABOUT THE CITY

Because of its innumerable characteristic steeples, Prague is called the "City of a Hundred Spires" and is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. This European Union members, and UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a perfect example of the steady development of a society that recently transitioned from its communist past. With a population of only 1.2 million, Prague has an unusually rich cultural life - festivals, operas, concerts, and cultural programs, many of which are accessible on a student budget. Study abroad students experience life similar to that of Czech students and frequent numerous neighborhoods in the city like native residents of Prague. Prague also offers a unique symbiosis of carefully preserved monuments of all periods and styles.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Passport to the World takes place during the first summer term at JSU. Two weeks are spent on campus and two weeks abroad. CIEE will organize a 15 day, 14 night program abroad, providing academic, logistical, and emergency support. Faculty members from Jackson State University will lead the program, including providing all instruction.

Classroom lessons will be supplemented by special guest lectures on Czech culture, education policy and development, EU education policies and laws, policies and laws for elderly, disabled and special needs students, teacher education in Czech higher education and more. In addition, co-curricular and cultural activities such as a city tour, cooking class, visit to the Czech Ministry of Education, the historic Carolinum university area, Jedličkuv ústav Institute for the Disabled, community schools, farmers market and Valdštejn Castle will provide students insight into relevant, contemporary issues within the context of the program's focus. Also planned is a day trip to nearby Brno to explore free time and outdoor pedagogy at Masaryk University and an overnight excursion to a historic castle and chateau in UNESCO World Heritage site city Český Krumlov.

PROGRAM COST

\$2,975 per participant

- Tuition: 6 credit hours
- Accommodations
- All meals (in country)
- Transportation (in country)
- Excursions, admission fees, cultural experiences, etc
- iNext Comprehensive Travel Insurance
- 24/7 Emergency Assistance

**Financial aid can be applied to the program cost; airfare not included.*

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