

# CZECH REPUBLIC

FAES Program  
OSU Sponsored Study Abroad Program



## Program Highlights

### Dates

June 20 – July 30, 2010

### Locations

Prague and various locations throughout the Czech Republic

### Academic Credit

Agricultural Economics  
International Studies  
Rural Sociology

### Application Deadline

February 1, 2010

### Requirements/Eligibility

- 2.5 minimum GPA
- Personal interview

### Program Costs

OSU Tuition + \$TBA program fee + airfare (see the "program costs" section for details)

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## Program

This six week program is in its 19<sup>th</sup> year of being hosted by the Czech Life Sciences University (CZU) and has a positive track record as an Ohio State favorite. Students explore the dramatic history of this small Central European nation through lectures, field trips and plenty of free time in Prague. Students will study development and economic change from the days of King Charles to the birth of Czechoslovakia under communism, through the peaceful "Velvet Revolution" and into their recent ascent into the European Union. The story of Czech development is told in many various contexts, but agriculture and natural resources are the focus. The city of Prague is one of the most spectacular of all European capitals. It is situated on the Vltava River, and the architectural treasures are some of the best in Europe because Prague has never been structurally damaged as a result of war. A team of Czech students works with American students to organize evening activities.

## Accommodations

Students are housed in double rooms with bathroom facilities in dormitories at the Czech Life Sciences University. Breakfast and lunch are served at a campus restaurant, and a stipend is included when meals are not provided. Bus and metro service link the campus to the center of Prague. Students will increase their understanding of Czech life and culture through a three-day homestay (in pairs) with CZU students' families.

## Field Trips

Students will see all corners of the Czech Republic. Examples of past field trips include: an ossuary in Kutna Hora, the Skoda automotive factory, the spa town of Karlovy Vary, places of historical importance such as castles, museums, and monuments, the ballet, visits to formerly collectivized farms and other agriculturally important places, a weeklong excursion to the southern state of Moravia. Students also will experience the Czechs' love for outdoor activities.

## Courses and Credit

All courses are taught in English by faculty at the Czech Agricultural University. All students are required to take the following three courses:

- **Agricultural Economics 697:**  
Transition and Development in Agriculture
- **International Studies 697:**  
Czech Language, History and Culture
- **Rural Sociology 697:**  
Integrated Rural Development

## **Acceptance into the Program**

Acceptance to the program will be determined based on academic record, statement of purpose, letter of recommendation, personal interview, and demonstrated interest in participating in an intensive, cultural immersion experience.

## **Program Costs**

The estimated program fee for Summer 2010 is \$TBA. The program fee includes room, board, program excursions, and overseas health insurance. Tuition, international airfare, passport costs and personal spending money are not included. Students are responsible for arranging their own airfare.

## **Pre-Departure Orientation**

All students will be required to participate in on-campus pre-departure orientations organized by the Office of International Affairs. These sessions will offer important information on travel, health, academic expectations, and Czech history and culture. The dates and locations of orientation meetings will be provided in the letter of acceptance.

## **Application Information**

Applicants must submit the Office of International Affairs Study Abroad Application online via [buckeyelink.osu.edu](http://buckeyelink.osu.edu). Please note that upon application, a \$150 application fee will be assessed to your Statement of Fees and Accounts. The application fee will be refunded only if you are not accepted or submit a written request to withdraw your application prior to the application deadline.

If you withdraw any time after the date of your notification of acceptance to a study abroad program, you will be responsible for any non-recoverable costs that have been incurred on your behalf plus a \$200 cancellation fee.

## **Passports**

Passports are required for every Ohio State study abroad program. For many study abroad destinations, passport information is required to apply for an entry visa (as early as 6 months prior to departure). For information about applying for a passport, go to [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov).

## **Web Sites**

Ohio State Funding Opportunities	<a href="http://oia.osu.edu">oia.osu.edu</a>
U.S. Department of State	<a href="http://travel.state.gov">travel.state.gov</a> (travel warnings/country specific information)
Centers for Disease Control	<a href="http://cdc.gov/travel">cdc.gov/travel</a> (geographic health recommendations)

## **Contact Us**

The Office of International Affairs is located in Oxley Hall, 1712 Neil Avenue. Please see [oia.osu.edu](http://oia.osu.edu) for information about "Getting Started" Information Sessions, Program Exploration Walk-in hours, and Study Abroad Coordinator office hours.

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