

# CZECH REPUBLIC

Prague Theater Program  
OSU Sponsored Study Abroad Program



## Program Highlights

### Dates

Fall Quarter 2009  
(December 10-20, 2009)

### Locations

Prague

### Expenses

Ohio State tuition + program fee \$3390  
See "program costs" for details

### Application Deadline

April 1, 2009

### Eligibility

- 3.0 minimum GPA (3.5 GPA for graduate students)
- Theater 100 or equivalent (undergraduates)
- Junior rank at time of application
- Students majoring in the arts will be given preference
- 20 students will be chosen

### Department Credit

Theater

### Resident Director

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## Program

The Prague Theater program is an extension of an Ohio State course (Theatre 694: Group Studies—Czech Theater and Culture) taught by Professor Joe Brandesky during fall 2009. The course will provide a historical overview of the Czech Republic and the continuing significance of its place in central Europe and world culture. The course will meet twice weekly for two hours during fall quarter. Immediately following fall quarter exams, students will travel as a group to the Czech Republic.

While in Prague students will visit the Theater Institute, take guided tours of the National and Vinohrady Theaters and the Theater of the Estates, as well as the Castle district, Old Town, Josefov (Jewish cemetery, Old-New Synagogue), and other points of interest in Prague. A two day trip to Brno, capitol of Moravia, will give students a chance to visit JAMU (Theater Academy) and to see productions. On the way back, the group will visit Český Krumlov where they will tour one of the best preserved baroque theaters in the world and stop in the tiny village of Borotin where students will meet and discuss Czech theater and culture with world famous scenographer Jaroslav Malina, retired DAMU professor and former Rector of the Academy of Performing Arts (AMU). The group will also visit Vyšehrad. The group will attend at least two performances in Prague and at least one in Brno.

## Location

The Czech Republic is located in central Europe. Formerly a Soviet satellite as part of the Eastern block, the Communist government was deposed in a bloodless, "Velvet Revolution" in 1989. Václav Havel, a dissident playwright, was elected President and served until his recent retirement. Prague, one of the most beautiful cities in the world, boasts architectural masterpieces dating from the Gothic to Post-Modern. Charles University, the oldest university in central Europe (1348), remains a vital and influential force in the Czech Republic and still occupies a section of the historical center of Prague.

## Accommodations

Participants will be housed in double rooms in a centrally located hotel in Prague. Breakfast will be provided every morning. A comfortable touring coach will be used for travel and group transfers.

## **Courses and Credit**

Students will earn 5 letter-graded credit hours of Theatre 694 (Group Studies: Czech Theatre and Culture) during fall 2009 and 5 letter-graded credit hours of Theatre 698.02: Study Tour to the Czech Republic after successfully completing the program, including a presentation and submission of a journal to the Resident Director.

## **Program Costs**

The cost of the program is fall 2009 tuition plus a Study Abroad Program Fee of \$3390. This includes round trip airfare from Columbus to Prague; hotel accommodations and breakfast; arrival and departure dinners; three excursions meals for field trips; guided tours and tickets; transfers and supplementary health insurance. The Office of International Affairs reserves the right to increase the study abroad program fee if the actual airfare exceeds the estimated amount when ticketing occurs.

Students are responsible for all pre-departure expenses (i.e., passport fees, etc.) and should plan to bring at least \$500 to cover the cost of meals, personal expenses or purchases. **The Office of International Affairs reserves the right to increase the study abroad program fee if there is a significant variation on the exchange rate at the time of payment to the host institution or vendor and/or the actual airfare exceeds the estimated amount when ticketing occurs.**

**The program fee is due one month prior to the start of Fall Quarter 2009.**

## **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. An application fee of \$150 is due with your application. To obtain an application, along with further instructions, please visit the reception area of 100 Oxley Hall or go online to the Study Abroad section at [oia.osu.edu](http://oia.osu.edu).

## **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**

Office of International Affairs, Oxley Hall, 1712 Neil Avenue, Columbus OH 43210-1219, USA, (614) 292-6101 or [oia.osu.edu](http://oia.osu.edu)

Study Abroad Coordinators are available on a walk-in basis Monday - Friday, 1 - 4 p.m.

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