

TURKEY

Knowlton School of Architecture
Honors & Scholars
OSU Sponsored Study Abroad Program



Program Highlights

Dates

March 18-28, 2010

Location

Istanbul, Turkey

Academic Credit

Architecture
Landscape Architecture

Application Deadline

November 1, 2009

Eligibility

First- and second-year Honors or Architecture Scholars students in the Knowlton School of Architecture

Program Costs

- OSU Tuition
- \$1,885 program fee (see the "program costs" section for details)
- Passport, personal expenses

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Program

This study abroad program will immerse students in the culture, history, architecture, landscape, and urban conditions of Istanbul, Turkey, and the surrounding area. This program is designed for introductory architecture, landscape architecture, and city and regional planning students, particularly those with Honors or Architecture Scholars standing. The experience will introduce students to study abroad and set the stage for advanced studies in the aforementioned disciplines.

Locations

The 2010 KSA Honors & Scholars Study Abroad program will base its operations in Istanbul, Turkey, where eastern and western cultures have met and mingled for centuries. Students will visit an array of Byzantine sites including Hagia Sophia, Topkapi Palace, and the Blue Mosque as well as the contemporary operations of the Grand Bazaar and the heart of modern Istanbul, Taksim Square. Additional day trips are also planned to the ancient cities of Troy, Pergamon, and the preserved ruins of Ephesus.

Courses and Credit

Students will receive a total of eight credit hours for the Istanbul program. Students will enroll in a three credit hour winter quarter seminar in advance of the trip. The seminar will meet on Fridays from 9:30-11:18 a.m. The seminar is designed to provide students the opportunity to gain knowledge of Istanbul's historical references and modern day influences as well as to develop skills for on-site analysis. In the seminar, students will work independently and in groups to research, document, and profile individual buildings, public spaces, and districts within Istanbul. These investigative studies will prepare students to experience the city as more than a traditional tourist and will allow students to discover critical differences between design cultures.

Students will receive an additional five credit hours for the travel experience and corresponding work. During the travel portion of the program, students will compile additional resources and build sketchbooks to use as a reference tool for future design studies and coursework in the architecture, landscape architecture, or city and regional planning programs.

Acceptance into the Program

Initial acceptance to the program will be determined based on each student's demonstrated interest in participating in an intensive, cultural immersion experience, as evaluated through their program application. Acceptance is conditional based on the student's academic record for both autumn and winter quarters, including successful completion of the winter quarter seminar.

Program Costs

The program fee is \$1,885. The program fee includes international airfare, in-country travel, accommodations, some meals, and all group activities. The program fee is due at the beginning of winter quarter. Students are responsible for expenses associated with obtaining a passport, a visa (\$20), most meals, and personal expenses.

The Office of International Affairs reserves the right to increase the study abroad program fee if the actual airfare or exchange rate exceeds the estimated amount.

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, 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. 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.

All applicants are required to complete the Personal Statement. In the Personal Statement, please address the following topic areas: (1) tell us about yourself including your academic interests, (2) share your motivation for studying abroad, and (3) discuss which buildings, cultural aspects, landscape, and/or planning features of Istanbul or the surrounding region interest you the most (hint: you will need to do some research on your own to answer this question).

First-year students do NOT need to submit an Advising Report. A Study Abroad Reference is NOT required by any applicant.

Passports

Passports are required for every Ohio State study abroad program. For information about applying for a passport, go to travel.state.gov.

Web Sites

Ohio State Funding Opportunities	oia.osu.edu
U.S. Department of State	travel.state.gov (travel warnings/consular information sheets)
Center for Disease Control	cdc.gov/travel (geographic health recommendations)

Contact Information

The Office of International Affairs is located in Oxley Hall, 1712 Neil Avenue. Please see 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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