

Prague Program 2015

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Prague program?

The Prague Program is an international experiential learning opportunity for students at Elizabethtown College. Sponsored by the Department of Business, the program integrates coursework (before and after the trip) for Entrepreneurship in the Emerging European Union, along with an 8-night stay in Prague. In Prague, you will attend lectures, field trips, field exercises, and learn about the cultural and economic aspects of Prague and the European Union. Visit our website at <http://www.etown.edu/depts/business/study-tour.aspx> for more details.

When do we leave for Prague and when do we get back?

We depart from E-town by bus on January 1, 2015 and arrive in Prague the morning of January 2, 2015. The group returns on January 10, 2015.

What's the course like?

Entrepreneurship in the Emerging Economies (BA 450) is a 4-credit business course that involves the use of a business simulation. Students research possible business opportunities, investigate logistics, write a business plan and present it to a group of hypothetical investors. Several other short papers are due during the course of the spring semester.

Who will be on the trip?

Between 12-14 of your fellow students will be accompanying you with Dr. Sean Melvin, from the Department of Business. Once you arrive in Prague, you will also travel with our educational partners who provide logistical support in Prague. Our partners are Czech natives who are fluent in English and well-educated about the global business sector, European politics and Prague's culture.

How much does it cost?

The total program fee is \$1,690. This includes all hotel accommodations in Central Prague, transportation in Prague, dinner on arrival night, farewell banquet in Central Prague, professionally guided tours, all field trips and business meetings, lecture fees, lunch overlooking the Prague Castle, museum admissions, field trip into the Czech countryside and tour of Melnik Castle, and all taxes and tips. This fee DOES NOT include airfare. Airfare has ranged between \$900-\$1100 in the past few years. The airfare will be announced on or about October 1st. Students must travel with the group.

Where do we stay in Prague?

Accommodations (double) are provided for the group at a hotel in city center in one of the most historic districts in Prague. The hotel has a 3 star-European rating and is walking distance from all major sites. The reception desk is staffed 24/7 by English-speaking employees.

I'm interested, is there more information?

See the Department of Business website (<http://www.etown.edu/depts/business/study-tour.aspx>) for more information and a brochure. A brochure and application materials are also available in the Department of Business offices (Hoover 204/202A) from Ms. Cindy Sterling or Ms. Shari Kain.

May I come on the trip without enrolling in the course?

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Do I have to pay extra for the 4-credits?

No, **UNLESS THE COURSE TAKES YOU INTO AN OVERLOAD SITUATION (more than 18 credits) FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER.** In that case, you'll need to pay the additional fees per credit just as you normally would for an overload.

OK. I'm psyched. How do I apply?

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Should I apply if....?

All business majors and minors are encouraged to apply in order to enhance their global business awareness and skills. However, the program is open to all majors. Sometimes, questions arise as to individual circumstances on whether to apply:

I'm not a business major or minor.

Absolutely apply! Each year we have about 30% of the class that are non-business majors who complete additional reading assignments to familiarize themselves with the business and legal expression used in the business curriculum and they have been successful in the coursework and marveled at the trip.

I'm a First-Year.

You may want to wait until next year. In the last few years, there have always been a sufficient amount of upperclassmen that apply that FYS have not been accepted. But the program is run every year—so there is still plenty of time in your career at E-town to participate in the program.

I'm on academic probation.

You may apply. At the discretion of the Prague Program Directors (Dr. Sean Melvin and Dr. Petru Sandu), students on academic probation may still be admitted under certain circumstances.

I'm on disciplinary probation and/or have been banned by the Dean of Students from living on campus and/or coming on campus during weekends.

Please don't apply. All students must be in good standing with the Dean of Students at the time of the application and trip.

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