

Furman University Study Away Program: Academic, Environmental, Physical & Health Expectations

Program: International Perspectives on Public Education: Finland and Czech Republic
Dates: May 13-June 3, 2020

Request accommodations through the Student Office for Accessibility Resources (SOAR)

Course Description: EDU 265 International Perspectives on Public Education. The travel study course will provide an in-depth focus on the issues, philosophy, history, and cultural differences of public education from an international perspective. Comparison of the educational system in the United States with other nations focusing on the countries visited. May be repeated once with change of country. MayX ONLY. 2 credits.

Program Description: This MayX course will provide an in-depth focus on the issues, philosophy, history, and socio-cultural differences of public education from an international perspective through the comparison of the educational system in the United States with Finland and the Czech Republic. Students will observe both primary and secondary school classrooms, meet with university faculty responsible for teacher preparation, and learn from guest speakers focusing on special education, early childhood, Project Based Learning, and inclusion of minorities.

	Frequency						
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Optional	Recommended	Required
Course work in a foreign language	X						
Course work in English				X			
Use of laptop					X		
Use of smart device					X		
Traditional Classroom				X			
Indoor Course Work				X			
Outdoor Course Work		X					
Group Work			X				
Presentations	X						
Interactions with local residents				X			
Field Work				X			
Internship	X						
Research	X						
Comments: We will be visiting public elementary and secondary schools. Some of the locations may not have elevators and be difficult for wheelchair accessibility.							

	Frequency				
STUDY AWAY ENVIRONMENT	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Foreign Language Environment					X
Mountainous	X				
Tropical	X				
Desert	X				
Urban					X
Rural			X		
High Elevation	X				
Dusty		X			
Air Pollution			X		
Recent Terrorism	X				
Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness	X				
Earthquakes	X				
Other Natural Disaster	X				
Comments: Especially Prague, urban center has cobblestone sidewalks, difficult for wheelchair accessibility.					

	Frequency				
PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Daily
Lifting luggage			X		
Carrying luggage upstairs			X		
Carrying equipment		X			
Carrying groceries		X			
Standing 30+ minutes					X
Walking 1+ miles					X
Hiking (easy)		X			
Hiking (strenuous)	X				
Sitting 5+ hours				X	
Use of public transportation				X	
Flat terrain				X	
Hilly terrain		X			
Stairs					X
Comments:					

	Frequency				
HEALTH & DIET	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Vegetarian Options				X	
Vegan Options				X	
Food Allergy Accommodations					X
Group Meals			X		
Cooking for oneself	X				
Host family prepares meals	X				
Healthcare easily accessible					X
Comments: We will be in urban centers with many food options. Some lunches will be in public schools with Vegetarian but not vegan options.					

	Frequency				
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Always
Host Family	X				
Roommate					X
Shared Apartment	X				
Dormitory	X				
Camping	X				
Hotel					X
Cell phone signal available					X
Internet signal available					X
Comments:					

	Frequency				
WATER ACTIVITIES	Never	Seldom	Often	Optional	Required
Swimming	X				
Snorkeling	X				
SCUBA	X				
Boating (speed boat)	X				
Rowing	X				
Comments:					

Center for Disease Control Recommendations: You should be up to date on routine vaccinations while traveling to any destination. Recommended vaccines: HEP A/B, measles, rabies. Watch Level 1: practice normal precautions