

SPRING 2010 INTERNATIONAL SHORT TOURS

In keeping with our Strategic Plan and Core Value (Global Perspective), RMU is offering four (4) courses in Spring 2010 each with an international study trip component. Study trips will be led abroad by RMU faculty members in May/June, 2010. If you are interested in any of these courses, be sure to register for it along with your spring course load. Remember, on the flat rate you can register up to eighteen (18) credits and pay the same tuition. Information on spring class meetings for these courses will be announced by the professors in charge. RMU is doing everything in its power to make international short tours affordable to all students. So take advantage of the opportunities and also enhance your resume.

The costs for the trips (roundtrip airfare from Pittsburgh, housing, meals and more) are indicated below. Contact the Office of International Programs and Services (OIPS) located on the Second Floor of Nicholson Center in Room 259; or by email at internationaloffice@rmu.edu if you are interested in enrolling for any of these courses.

ARTM3066 – Finnish Experience
Faculty: Dr. Helena Vanhala
Study Trip Duration: May/June 2010 (Cost: \$3,500)



Finland

Enroll in ARTM3066 in Spring 2010, and experience Helsinki, Finland, and St. Petersburg, Russia, in late May/early June 2010 for 10-14 days. In preparation for the trip, the course will meet once a month on Thursdays 6:00-8:50 pm, exact dates to be announced by the professor. *Students who register for the course are required to go on the 2010 study trip to Finland and Russia (late May/early June; exact dates to be announced).

Course assignment options: Video/radio/photography documentary, News magazine feature story of the trip (print/radio/video), Analysis of Finnish/Russian art, or Intercultural or International communication research paper. You will collect your assignment materials during the trip, and complete assignment upon return to the U.S.

ELIT 1060 – Reading Literature: Myths
Faculty: Prof. Jim Vincent
Study Trip Duration: May 26 – June 9, 2010 (Cost: \$2,975)



Ireland

This course will fulfill a general elective in literature or an open elective. Course readings will be on Irish myths as outlined in the book “Over Nine Waves,” “The Early poems of William Butler Yeats,” and Patrick Kavanagh—“Collected Poems (Norton Library).” In addition, students will need a travel guide to Ireland.

Mullaghban, South Armagh and Sligo are the study trip destinations. The group will spend a week in Mullaghban (Northern Ireland), close to fabled Slieve Gullion and will visit Newgrange, Dublin, and Belfast. They will learn about “The Troubles” the recent civil war in the north.

In the second week they will travel to Sligo in the northwestern area of the Republic of Ireland. Sligo was the summer home of William Butler Yeats (WBY) and his brother Jack. WBY became the best know poet of his time and Jack is one of Ireland’s most famous painters. Sligo is a small city with restaurants, a good museum, and access to the rugged west of Ireland.

HTMG 3035 – Cultural Hospitality

Faculty: Dr. Richard Mills

Study Trip Duration: May 10 – 19, 2010 (Cost: \$2,800)



Switzerland



France



Germany

This course is an introductory survey of world travel destinations, including an exploration of the cultures, customs, habits, festivals, languages, religions, and historic sites of Switzerland, France and Germany as they relate to the tourism industry. Included in this course is an in-depth ten-day study trip and examination of the social psychology of leisure and tourism in these countries. Students will meet four times in the Spring semester prior to study trip. *Those who register for the course are required to go on the trip to Switzerland, France and Germany.

POLS 4040 – Israel: History, Politics, Society

Faculty: Dr. Philip Harold

Study Trip Duration: June 14 – 24, 2010

Study Trip Cost: \$3,495

Scholarship: \$500 (first 14 RMU students to register for course and pay deposit)

Cost to RMU student with scholarship: \$2,995 (contact OIPS for more information)



Israel

This course is an overview of the history and politics of the state of Israel, including an eleven-day visit to Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and Nazareth in June 2010. The course will meet once a week for an hour during the spring semester. It will cover the major aspects of the history of Israel, Israel’s current political situation and the major divisions in Israeli society (i.e., Jews and Arabs, Ashkenazim and Sephardim, etc.).

The readings will supplement the lectures and prepare students for what they will encounter on their tour of the region. Logistical and cultural issues concerning the trip will be dealt with throughout the semester. An online course shell will familiarize students with Israeli news sources. **Limited scholarships are available to RMU students only.** Contact the Office of International Programs and Services today for more information.