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Kansas University Study Abroad Program in Croatia

Who would have thought that Kansas University would house a unique study abroad program in Croatia? With three clicks of your ruby-red shoes, you can experience the best of both worlds: the initial two weeks of the six-week program are spent in Zagreb, the capital city, and the program culminates in Dubrovnik, the port city located on the beautiful Adriatic Coast.

The program, entitled *Language and Culture in Dubrovnik & Zagreb, Croatia*, runs from July 10 to August 20, 2004, with a March 1st application deadline (see website for details). Both undergraduate and graduate students from any accredited North American college or university are eligible; at least one prior year of instruction in Croatian is required.

The Zagreb-Dubrovnik program is an exciting new venture for Kansas University. About thirty years ago, Professors Bill March and Joseph Conrad created a joint program with *Hrvatska Matica*, the Croatian émigré foundation, which is an affiliate of Zagreb University. When Professor March retired in 2000, Professor Marc Greenberg, the current Chair of the Slavic Department at Kansas University, decided to set up a new program. In 2001, he negotiated a new program with the Center of Foreign Languages, also affiliated with Zagreb University, in order to have more control over the program level. In a recent phone conversation, he noted, "We take Slavic languages very seriously here." The 2002

pilot year was a success: nine students attended, and the program grows year by year. Last year, students from Stanford, Harvard, Michigan, Kansas, Virginia Tech, Columbia, and Indiana attended the program.

Students receive 150 hours of intensive classroom instruction, and eight college credit hours in either Intermediate or Advanced Croatian. Credit is granted by the University of Kansas Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, and an official KU transcript is issued at the end of the program. Instructors are language specialists under joint contract from the University of Zagreb. The program also meets FLAS (Foreign Language and Area Studies) fellowship guidelines.

Tuition, books, lodging, meals, and excursions cost \$4,750 for non-KU students, while airfare and additional meals and expenses are estimated at \$2,640, for a grand total of \$7,390. Aside from classroom study, the program offers students a variety of cultural activities, including lectures (in Croatian) films, and museum visits, as well as music, dance and theatre performances. Students are granted free time to explore Zagreb and Dubrovnik so as to become acquainted with the local people, and there are excursions to the region of *Hrvatsko zagorje*, the city of Split and the island of Mljet.

For more information about the program call: (785) 864-3742 or write to osa@ku.edu. You can also visit the website: <http://www.ku.edu/~slavic/zg-dbk.htm>.

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