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Culture, Conflict, and Identity in Central Europe
at the Turn of Two Centuries

When will there be an informational meeting? There will be an informational meeting at the beginning of fall semester and again in October.

When does the course meet? We meet Fall Semester 2014 four times, Sundays Nov. 3rd, 10th, 17th, and Dec. 1st, from 4 pm – 6 pm. We’ll study on campus Friday and Saturday, Jan. 3rd and 4th and in Vienna and Budapest January 6 - 25. In spring semester 2014 we’ll meet again at a time TBA for an evening of sharing and reflection.

How will we travel? Flights will be economy class on a scheduled airline round-trip from Columbus to Vienna. Return flight will be independent of faculty.

What are the travel dates? Travel is planned to depart Columbus Sunday, January 5th and return to Columbus Saturday, January 25th.

May I extend the trip and arrive earlier or return later on my own? We’re sorry, no. You will be traveling on a ticket that requires the group to stay together.

Where will we stay? The group will live and study in the Benediktushaus, the guesthouse of a historic monastery, the Schottenstift, or Abbey of the Scots, in the center of Vienna’s oldest, most interesting district in walking distance of many attractions. These monastery lodgings in double or triple rooms are simple and plain, but clean, safe, and attractive. Though the rooms are small and Spartan, each room has a modern private bath and toilet. [www.schottenstift.at](http://www.schottenstift.at) (Click on “Benediktushaus”). You might compare the rooms to an especially nice budget hotel. A cold buffet breakfast is included every morning.

Where will we study? What will we do? Most mornings we will meet as a group in the modern and comfortable seminar room of the Schottenstift (Abbey of the Scots). But, "the city is our classroom." We will visit important sites and museums together, and you will sometimes have the opportunity or assignments to go to points of interest on your own. Evenings will offer some performances that we will see as a group and many others you can take in at low cost according to your interests. A weekend in Budapest will provide a fascinating contrast.
This sounds more like a course than a holiday. What about that?
You got that right! There is a strong academic focus to our travel. Yet, many afternoons and evenings are available for relaxation, tourist pursuits, and socializing. Students in the past found many ways to contact young people their own age in Vienna and to have an active social life.

I didn't study German. Will that be a problem?
All Austrians study English in school and younger people are usually good in English and anxious to practice with visitors. We will learn a little “survival” German together in the class, greetings, menu terms, asking directions, and so on. Vienna, as a major tourist destination, is used to accommodating the needs of English speaking guests.

What if violence breaks out overseas? Will the trip still go?
The university takes the safety of its students extremely seriously. For example, some years ago a concert band tour was postponed and once a course in India was cancelled for those very reasons. We would never go to an area that the State Department has warned U.S. citizens to stay away from. At this point, we are not aware of any circumstances that would cause the trip to be cancelled, and security in Austria is exemplary.

What does the course related fee of $3995 cover?
• 21-day course including 19 days of travel
• economy class airfare from/to Columbus
• accommodation in 2 or 3 bedded rooms with private bath and toilet
• breakfast buffet daily
• welcome dinner and farewell dinner
• admission to museums and events
• local transportation in Vienna
• rent of a classroom and equipment
• cost of instructors, lecturers, guides, and guest presenters.
• admission to several performances
• transportation, sightseeing, hotel, folklore dinner and breakfast on a weekend excursion to Budapest

What is not covered?
• personal items like souvenirs and toiletries
• extra traveling you may wish to do on your own
• most lunches and dinners are on your own. (Budget estimate: $20-$30 / day)
You will need to bring $400 - $570 cash depending on your budget, tastes and spending habits.
Could the course fee change?
The course fee might have to be increased if the exchange rate of the dollar to the euro goes above 1 dollar = 1.3 euros, or if there should be an unexpected increase in airfares. We will make every attempt to avoid or minimize any increase, and we have not had to make any change in the past.

When are payments due?
Non-refundable payments are due in the Business Office designated for “SYE 4100”

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If any part of your course fee will be paid from student loans, you must make an individual arrangement with the Financial Aid Office and an agreement with the Manager of Student Accounts, in the Business Office.

Do I need health insurance?
You must have health insurance that covers you in the European Union. It is likely that your current health insurance policy covers you, but we need you to verify that to us with the insurance company name and policy number. Many students buy additional travel insurance. One source is STA Travel, a company that specializes in student travel. A policy that you can buy online at http://www.statravel.com/international-travel-insurance.htm will cost $110.

Do I need an ISIC Student Identification Card?
You can get an ISIC International Student Identity Card for $25 online at http://www.myisic.com/get-an-isic-card.html (Click “Buy one now online” above the picture of the card.) On the one hand, your Otterbein ID won’t be recognized for discounts in Europe, but on the other hand, the ISIC card will not save you much money in Vienna.

Do I need a passport and visa?
You must have a passport valid up to at least May 1, 2014. U S citizens do not need a visa for short-term visits to the European Union, including Austria and Hungary. If you are not a U S citizen, please check with us about your visa situation.

What about cancellation and refunds?
The official university policy is: The course-related fee for SYE 4100 is subject to Otterbein University policies, as published in the most recent edition of the official university catalog. The course-related fee is non-refundable. However, if a student withdraws from the course because of a documented medical emergency, the student may be entitled to a refund of the course fee less any non-refundable deposits paid to tour service providers and a cancellation fee of $200. In the event of the cancellation of the travel portion of the course by the University because of world events, the course fee will be refunded less any non-refundable deposits paid to tour service providers.
We recommend that students buy private trip cancellation insurance from a travel agent or from web sites such as STA on [http://www.sta.com/](http://www.sta.com/).

**Can I get financial aid for the course fee?**
The related course fee of $3995 may be added to the cost of instruction for the academic year 2013-2014, allowing for a **possibility** of increased loan eligibility. Specific questions should be addressed to the Otterbein Office of Financial Aid. You are urged to discuss this early with a financial aid adviser in order to be sure your case has been given due consideration. Unfortunately, at this time there are no Otterbein grants that assist students with short-term study abroad.

**When will I receive my grade?**
The course grade will be recorded in early spring semester 2014, after the final meeting.

**What if fewer than 10 students sign up?**
The class is planned and budgeted for a minimum of 7 students. The course will be cancelled if fewer than 7 students register and pay their deposits. The course can accommodate up to 14 students.

**How are participants selected?** The instructors will admit participants on a **rolling basis** using the following criteria:

- Academic preparation and strength
- Social responsibility (no pattern of judicial violations)
- Focus of interest in the course (written or e-mail statement)
- Balance among disciplines
- Availability of rooms for men and for women
- Previous study of German a plus, but not a requirement

**How do I register for the course?**
The course is open by permission of the CIEGE (Center for International Education and Global Engagement) and the instructors.

1. E-mail or call Dr. Lyle Barkhymer 614-882-7115 [lbarkhymer@otterbein.edu](mailto:lbarkhymer@otterbein.edu) or Prof. Meg Barkhymer [mbarkhymer@otterbein.edu](mailto:mbarkhymer@otterbein.edu) 614-882-7115 to discuss the course.
2. The next step will be to create a CIEGE account online at [https://otterbein.abroadoffice.net/register.html](https://otterbein.abroadoffice.net/register.html) or in the office in the “garage” behind 172 W. Main St. near the TEM sorority house and apply for the course.
3. After the CIEGE application is complete, you can use the Otterbein online registration process to enroll in SYE 4100.