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Palacký University  
Olomouc

*Genius loci...*



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# Short Programmes and Summer Schools



## CENTRAL EUROPE: TRADITIONS, CROSSROADS AND CHALLENGES (TAILORED SEMESTER ABROAD PROGRAM)

**Duration and Credits: 12 weeks, 30 ECTS credits**

**Programme Overview:** Since the 1990s our university has been hosting more than twenty students from the University of Nebraska each year. **The goal of the program is to provide students with an intensive interdisciplinary insight into European history, culture and society** and to expose and engage them in on-site research projects.

The curriculum was designed to provide a unique academic experience: covering key topics of Western Civilizations, the Holocaust, Central European history, and current challenges. It also provides abundant opportunities of cultural immersion through a Czech language courses and extracurricular activities including many academic excursions.

**Learning Outcomes:** Students 1) acquire basic knowledge of the Czech language and culture, 2) gain a deeper understanding of the key topics of European history and culture and 3) gain an interdisciplinary perspective of CE society and cultures. Lectures on history, art, media studies, political studies, sociology, environmental studies, and economics are offered.

The program lecturers guide all of field trips: Prague and Dresden (4 days), Vienna and Venice (5 days), Krakow and Auschwitz (3 days), South Bohemia (5 days) and short trips to local sites.

## BRIDGING THE EAST AND WEST: SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS IN GREAT MORAVIA (TAILORED SHORT-TERM PROGRAM)

**Duration and credits: 7–10 days (depending on the preferences, any time during the year), ECTS: TBD**

**Program Overview:** The East and West polarity has been crucial for the formation of European history. In 863 two Greek missionaries, brothers Saint Cyril and Saint Methodius came to Moravia (a historical land in the Czech Republic) by invitation of the Moravian Duke to finish the process of Christianization in his country.

Great Moravia was the first common Slavic state in Central Europe. Cultural and religious missions of Saints Cyril and Methodius affected all Slavic people in Central, Southern, and Eastern Europe. The idea of a broader united Slavic community that has been and still is used for political purposes is based inter alia on a common religion, writing and cultural tradition that have their roots in Great Moravia. The legacy of the two saints has its significant place in the West – in 1980, Saint Pope John Paul II pronounced them, along with other saints and patrons of Europe.

**Learning Outcomes:** The course addresses students of European studies, history and theology as well as scholars and educators. Participants will become acquainted with life of early medieval Slavs at the open air museum of an old Slavic settlement, and visit renewed foundations of religious structures of Great Moravia. An integral part of the course are field trips.

## SUMMER SCHOOL OF MUSIC EDUCATION

**Duration and Credits: 5 weeks (July–August), 6 ECTS Credits**

The international **summer school focuses on history and theory of music as well as on the development of musical skills of participants**. The curriculum is based on interactive lectures and workshops on choral singing or ensemble playing and many other. Students have the chance develop also their creative musical competences.

# OUR PROGRAMMES

## SUMMER SCHOOL OF SLAVONIC LANGUAGES

**Duration: 4 weeks/2 weeks (July-August)**

**Program Overview:** Summer school focuses on developing **Czech language skills and cultural immersion** by providing intensive Czech language courses with a focus on literature, history and culture (fine arts, music, etc.) The academic program offers numerous experiential workshops such as theatre workshop led by local actors, folklore dances, as well as extracurricular activities. Language courses are taught in several levels and there is a possibility of a customized program based on the individual's preference (i.e. 2 or 4 weeks). Participants can choose to develop other Slavonic languages such as Russian and Polish. Field trips are an academic part of the program.

Scholarship and discounts available: Participants can apply for a scholarships awarded by the Czech Ministry of Education (contact the Czech Embassy in your country).

## SUMMER SCHOOL OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE

**Duration and Credits: 5 weeks (July-August), 6 ECTS Credits**

The aim of the course is to **provide education for future teachers of English** (non-English native speakers), who will gain knowledge and skills in various areas of linguistics, literature, the culture and history of English-speaking countries and the basics of ELT methodology. An integral part of the curriculum is teaching practice.

## SUMMER SCHOOL OF DRAMA THERAPY

**Duration and Credits: 5 weeks (July-August), 6 ECTS Credits**

Future teachers as well as practicing educators have the chance to **develop their drama skills as well as a broad range of social and personal skills** during numerous engaging workshops. Participants can attend drama therapy, expressive therapy, art therapy, music therapy courses and many more. Moreover, the intercultural and international make-up of the participants provides opportunities of deepening intercultural sensitivity and solution of intercultural issues.

## SUMMER SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS

**Duration and Credits: 5 weeks (July-August), 6 ECTS Credits**

The curriculum includes courses such as **graphic arts, intermedia, metal and jewelry as well courses of art therapy focused on development of social skills**. Participants may find inspiration in the beautiful historical city of Olomouc as well as cultural activities and site visits included in the program.

## ELSA SUMMER LAW SCHOOL – MEDICAL LAW

**Duration: 1 week (July)**

The ELSA International Summer Law School focuses on Medical Law and is co-organized with the **European Law Students' Association** (generally known as ELSA). Approximately thirty law students from various European universities will have the opportunity to work with and learn from Czech and international Medical and Health Law experts and discuss topics such as: home births, vaccination, euthanasia and many more. Students will also be privileged to attend a professionally commented autopsy in a dissecting room. This will be both a practical and extraordinary experience. No fee for undergraduate students!

## Common features of our short programmes:

- Excellent courses taught by experienced teachers
- Our university repeatedly scores high in international rankings
- Programmes can be tailored to match the needs of partner institution (summer school can easily turn into winter school or Maymester)
- Field trips to many interesting destinations are organized. Students visit Vienna, Prague, Budapest, Krakow, Venice and other attractive places in more countries of central Europe
- Participants may find inspiration in the beautiful historical city of Olomouc, cultural activities and site visits included in the program
- Students are integrated into the campus through numerous events, walking trips, and extracurricular activities

*Interested? We will be more than happy to discuss needs of your students and prepare a tailored programme for you!*

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