NEW COURSE WITH TRAVEL TO POLAND
HIS 370 / AMS 303
Jewish Life and the Holocaust Experience
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Spring 2010

This will be an intensive reading and discussion-based course in the history and interpretation of the Jewish experience in Poland before, during, and after the Holocaust. We will understand the term “Holocaust” to refer to the systematic murder of approximately six million Jews between 1938 and 1945 under the direction of the German state. Our inquiry, however, will range much further. We will examine issues such as the evolution of relations between Jews and non-Jews in modern Europe, the migration of Jews to the United States and the response of American Jews to the Holocaust, as well as the distinctive history of the Jews in Poland. Our exploration of Jewish life during this time will raise fundamental issues of memory, morality, responsibility, and values on both the individual and collective levels.

Students taking HIS 370/AMS 303 in Spring 2010 will have the opportunity to travel to Poland in May 2010. This ten-day optional trip is NOT required for enrollment in HIS 370/AMS 303. Participation in the trip to Poland will be selective and limited to students enrolled in the course.

The Office of International Education and Programs will administer the travel portion of this program, which will include planned visits to Kielce, Auschwitz-Birkenau, and the Jewish Quarter of Krakow.

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Housing and Meals
Students will be housed in residence halls in Poland. Breakfast and some meals are provided.

Program Costs
The cost information below lists all costs included in the program fee, and estimates for additional expenses. There is no additional tuition charge for this program.

Program fee: $1995

The program fee includes the following:

• International flight to Poland and flights / transportation within Poland;
• Group meals in Kielce and Krakow;
• Tours/entrances;
• Repatriation insurance coverage; and
• Accommodation in Poland.

The following are not included in the program fee:

• Connecting flight within US – (varies);
• Passport cost - $100.00;
• Spending money - $200.00; and
• Additional meals - $200.00.

The above are estimates and vary per individual spending habits and individual needs.

Course Enrollment & Requirements
The optional study visit to Poland will occur from May 17 - 28, 2010 (dates approximate). Only students enrolled in HIS 370/AMS 303 will have the opportunity to participate. Participation in the Poland trip will be selective. Participants must be matriculated SUNY Oswego students and demonstrate a genuine interest in the subject matter, openness to new experiences, and a willingness to study and travel abroad.

Once selected, students will be required to submit an application form and pay a non-refundable program deposit of $250 by December 1, 2009 to the Office of International Education and Programs. Full payment will be due by January 15, 2010.

Additional participants may be permitted to attend the travel portion only on a limited basis. Contact Dr. McKeown if interested.

To inquire and be considered for selection, interested students should contact:

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