Spring 2013
in
Paris, Krakow, Auschwitz
The French Holocaust
March 7-16
HIST 396, 3 credits
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Paris/Auschwitz is a study-abroad experience that focuses on the Holocaust, one of modern Europe’s most tragic and senseless “events” resulting in the loss of over 6 million Jews as well as gypsies, homosexuals, and political enemies of the Nazi state. When most people think of the Holocaust, they think of Nazi Germany, yet Jews from almost all European countries died during the Holocaust, inclusive of 76,000 French victims sacrificed by the Vichy collaborative government. This course focuses on what happened in France and ties that experience to Auschwitz, the death camp where most deported French Jews were sent.

Paris/Auschwitz explores “Jewish Paris” and the sites associated with a thriving pre-World War II Jewish Parisian population inclusive of famous synagogues and the historic “Marais” district. We will also visit more traditional Parisian landmarks such as the “Eiffel Tower,” once known as the “Jewish Tower,” and the various Parisian monuments associated with the cruel deportations. From Paris we will then take the “perverse journey” to Auschwitz via Kraków in Poland where we will explore the impressive Kazimierz Jewish Quarter before making a two-day visit to one of the most terrible sites of 20th-century crimes against humanity: Auschwitz/Birkenau. Juxtaposed with the larger narrative of the Holocaust, this course also retraces the lives of several French Jews who experienced Auschwitz and asks students to reflect on their personal stories.

PREREQUISITES: All students must be in good academic standing 2.0 or above.

*Students must register and pay for HIST 396 (3 credits) during the Spring 2013 registration period in order to participate in this program.

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Estimated cost without scholarship: TBD.

For some students, regular student financial aid support can be increased due to the additional cost of studying abroad. See the Office of Study Abroad for a program budget and referral to Student Financial Aid staff who assist study abroad students.

Payment Schedule: $250 deposit upon application; half of remaining total due on November 16, 2012, and the other half on January 11, 2013.

Cost includes: Roundtrip airfare from/to Norfolk, airport transfers, accommodations (double or triple rooms; single supplement extra, if available), breakfasts, welcome/farewell dinners, tours and guides as indicated on itinerary, in-country transportation, health insurance, and study abroad fee.

Not included: ODU tuition for 3 credits (participants are required to register for credits), meals other than those indicated above, transport other than those indicated above, expenses of a personal nature.

Itinerary*

Day 1: March 7- Depart Norfolk for Paris, France

Day 2: March 8- Arrival in Paris, transfer to hotel, evening tour of the Marais district, dinner afterwards on rue Rosiers (Jewish quarter)

Day 3: March 9- Guided tour of the Mémorial de la Shoah. Free evening in Paris

Day 4: March 10- Visit Holocaust Museum followed by taxis ride to Drancy—Paris deportation camp. Free evening

Day 5: March 11- Synagogue tour of Paris; walking tour of commemorative plaques, group dinner discussion

Day 6: March 12- Travel to Krakow, lecture with Polish professor

Day 7: March 13- Guided tour of Auschwitz

Day 8: March 14- Guided tour of Birkenau


Day 10: March 16- Depart Krakow for Norfolk

*Subject to change. The Office of Study Abroad reserves the right to make changes to a program in light of currency fluctuations, changing security and safety conditions, or any other unforeseen circumstances.

Faculty Leader

Dr. Finley-Croswhite received her Ph.D. in early modern European history at Emory University in 1991 with a specialization in religious violence. She has taught at Old Dominion University since then, authored two books and many articles, and has served as both Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies, 2001-06 and Chair of History, 2006-2010. She is currently Professor of History and teaches courses in early modern and modern French and European history, Holocaust history, and the history of medicine. For more information on Dr. Finley-Croswhite and her work see:

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