



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE JMLS SUMMER PROGRAM IN PRAGUE

What does the course cover?

Lectures cover the European civil law tradition, the transition that has occurred in the Czech Republic since 1990 from a totalitarian state to a democratic state, and European Community law and its effect on domestic law and institutions. Classes will be taught in Chicago before the students leave for the Czech Republic. These classes will focus on the history and culture of the region and on the differences between the common law and the civil law systems.

The lectures in Prague and Brno will focus on such topics as the transition from socialist law, Czech constitutional law, the European Community law, criminal procedure in the European Community, the European judicial system, the European system of legal education and the practice of law, and the protection of human rights.

What books will I need for the course?

Preparatory reading for the course is as follows:

Glendon, et al, COMPARATIVE LEGAL TRADITIONS IN A NUTSHELL.

Folsom, EUROPEAN UNION LAW IN A NUTSHELL.

Buergenthal, et al, INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS IN A NUTSHELL.

Professor Seng will assign relevant readings.

Who will teach the course?

Professor Seng will hold lectures in Chicago prior to the departure for Prague. The classes in Prague and Brno will be taught by judges, government officials, attorneys, and lecturers from Charles University, the Economics University in Prague and Masaryk University in Brno.

Professor Seng will accompany the students to the Czech Republic to ensure that all goes smoothly.

Where will the course be taught?

Lectures the first week will be held in Prague. Prague is a beautiful cosmopolitan city. It is one of the most perfectly preserved cities in Europe and is noted for its medieval, renaissance, and baroque architecture, as well as some fascinating modern architecture.

Lectures the second week will be held in Brno. Brno is a university city located in Moravia, the eastern half of the Czech Republic. Classes will be held at the Faculty of Law at Masaryk University. Brno is also the judicial capital of the Czech Republic where the Supreme Court, the Supreme Administrative Court, the Constitutional Court, the Office of the Chief Prosecutor, and the office of the Ombudsman is located. We will visit some of these offices.

What are the dates of the course?

The course normally begins in Prague on the Sunday evening of the last week of May and ends on Friday of the first full week of June. The trip may be extended for those who sign up for one or more of the optional tours.

Is there an examination for the course?

There is no final examination. Students will be required to complete a research paper (approximately 40 pages in length).

Who may enroll in the course?

Students enrolled at John Marshall who will have completed their first two semesters of study when the course begins are eligible to enroll in the course.

How do I register for the course?

You will register for the course the same as for any other summer course with the registrar's office. The course will be limited to 20 students.

What does the course cost?

You will pay your regular tuition as you would for any three-credit hour course at John Marshall. The School may also assess an additional registration fee.

How do I travel to and from the course?

Students arrange their own travel to and from the course. Many students may want to leave early or to come back later, and some students want to visit other cities or sites in Europe. Therefore, it has proven impossible to make group arrangements for the students who will be participating.

Students are encouraged to make their reservations early and to shop carefully as airline prices can vary widely. For a two week stay in late May and early June, students should expect to pay approximately \$1,000 for their airline ticket.

What accommodations are available for the course?

Arrangements will be made with hotels in Prague and Brno at special rates. Even so, Prague especially is a tourist city and prices can be high. Depending upon the exchange rate, students should plan on paying approximately \$65/night and possibly more if they want single accommodations. Students will pay their hotel bills directly, but JMLS will make the reservations. Students are free to arrange their own accommodations if they choose.

How much should I plan to pay for meals and other incidentals?

Passes can be arranged at a reasonable rate for the subway or the trams in Prague and Brno. Meal prices can vary widely depending upon where you eat, but plan on paying about what you would expect to pay in Chicago. Breakfast is normally included in the room charge. The rest is really up to you. There are plenty of places to visit and to walk that don't cost much money. Concerts and operas are considerably less expensive than you would pay in the United States.

Are optional side-trips available during or after the course?

Optional trips are available for students who want to travel during the first weekend and at the end of the program. Weekend trips have made to such scenic areas as Cesky Krumlov, Znojmo, Jindrihuv Hradec, Kuta Hora, Olomouc, Kromeriz, Mikulov, Lednice, and other areas outside Prague and Brno. Students have also traveled as a group to Krakow and Vienna after the classes ended. These trips are arranged based on student interest, cost and feasibility.

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