

Memorandum

To: JMLS Students

From: Prof. Michael Seng

Re: Study Abroad – Czech Republic

Date: November 23, 2010

Several weeks ago we had a meeting about the opportunity to study abroad for two weeks this summer in the Czech Republic. You will register for the summer course in March, but you may be interested in a choice of options when you register for the spring semester.

The summer course, which will be conducted the first week in Prague and the second week in Brno, will begin on May 29 and conclude on June 10 (with the option to travel for a few days after the conclusion of the course.) The course will cover European Community Law and its impact on European national laws. The course will also take a good look at the civil law system. Because the course takes place in Middle Europe, the transition from Communism to a market-orientated democracy will also be studied.

Please keep in mind that I am teaching the 2 credit-hour course in Comparative Legal Systems during the spring semester. Students will be allowed to piggy-back that course on some of the class requirements for the summer course.

You thus really have four options:

- 1) You can take the Comparative Legal Systems for 2 credit hours during the spring semester without taking the summer course. (There is no exam, but you will be required to complete a 20 page research paper at the end of the course.)
- 2) You can take the Comparative Legal Systems course combined with the summer course for a total of 3 credit hours. (You will complete a 20 page research paper at the end of the course, but you will be excused from attending the six hours of lectures in April and May required of students who only take the summer course.)
- 3) You can take the summer course for 2 credit hours without taking the Comparative Legal Systems course. (You will be required to attend six hours of lectures in April and May before we leave and complete a 20 page research paper at the end of the course.)
- 4) You can take the summer course for 3 credit hours without taking the comparative systems course. (You will be required to attend six hours of lectures in April and May before we leave and complete a 40 page research paper at the end of the course.)

Space in both classes is limited. Please send me an email if you plan to do option # 2 before you register for the spring semester so that you are assured of being able to register for both classes.

Also, please send me an email by mid-January if you are planning on taking the summer course. The reason for the early notice is so that I can secure accommodations. Prague has many tourists in June and we have to make our reservations early. Of course, you can cancel if you notify me in a timely manner.

Similarly, if you are interested in spending the fall semester in either Prague or Brno, let me know as soon as possible so I can start making the arrangements.

For more information about the study abroad programs, consult the JMLS website:

http://www.jmls.edu/fairhousingcenter/Czech/Slovak_Legal_Institute/smr_%20jmlstrip.shtml