HOLY CROSS SUMMER (MAYMESTER) PROGRAM
IN CENTRAL EUROPE ~ 2016

History, Memory, and the Holocaust in Central Europe
Vilnius, Lithuania; Krakow, Lodz, Lublin, and Warsaw, Poland;
Prague, Czech Republic; and Berlin, Germany

FACULTY: Holy Cross Professors Thomas Doughton and Daniel Bitran

DATES: Pre-travel classes on HC campus begin Thursday, May 19, 2016; (Departure from Boston
Monday, May 23, 2016) – Wednesday, June 22, 2016 (Departure from Berlin, Germany)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: This course will take you to various sites in Central Europe, allowing you to
undertake an in-depth and close-up study of how the Holocaust is memorialized. We will be visiting sites in
Vilnius, Warsaw, Lublin, Krakow, Prague, and Berlin, including the streets of their former ghettos and Jewish
heritage museums, sites surrounding these major cities, including labor camps and death camps. We will use
readings, the photographic record, and other historical documents to deepen our understanding of the Holocaust
and of the pre-war Jewish culture that was subsequently exterminated. We will strive to get beyond “numbers,”
connecting with individuals who made up a people who were subjugated, enslaved, and eventually killed. You
will access articles, book chapters, photographs, movies and songs on a pre-loaded iPad, on loan to you from
the College for the duration of this course.

Reading assignments – Three required texts will be used for this course:

1. War and Genocide: A Concise History of the Holocaust (Critical Issues in World and International History)
   [Paperback] Doris L. Bergen

You will have read Bergen’s book before our first meeting, and you will be reading “Neighbors” during our
trip. Gilbert’s “Atlas” will be consulted throughout the duration of this course. Additional readings, films, and
audio-clips will be assigned for each of our meetings – for 3 days before we leave and almost daily during our
trip.

Course Assignments
1. Unedited and Edited Journals: The principal writing assignment for this course will be in the form of a
   travel journal, in which you will be making detailed entries on an almost daily basis. The journal will be
   supplemented with photographs that you take on the journey. On a weekly basis, you will submit your unedited
electronic version of your journal. Two weeks after our return, you will submit a single edited journal for our
consideration.
2. On-the-fly Presentations: On at least one occasion, you will be asked to speak on the sites we had most
   recently visited. These will be held during our “group discussion meetings” shown in the course schedule
   below.
3. Brief writing assignments: These will be meant to direct your consideration to one particular issue of
   interest. More often than not, these writing assignments will be based on documentary evidence provided for
   this course.
4. Course Participation: Your participation will be assessed along two dimensions: Contributions to group
discussions relating the readings to the topics under discussion, and your engagement during our on-site visits,
   including general comportment.
CREDIT: The program will count as one Holy Cross credit and will fulfill the Cross-Cultural Common Area Requirement. It will also fulfill a requirement for the Peace and Conflict Concentration.

HOUSING and MEALS: Double-occupancy hostel or hotel rooms with private bathrooms. Daily breakfast, a welcome dinner and farewell dinner are included in the cost. All other meals are at your own expense.

COSTS: The estimated cost of the four-week program will be between $7,200 and $7,600. The price includes: round-trip airfare, tuition, accommodation, private guided tours, entrance fees, meals as noted above, transportation from and to airports (arrival and departure), travel by private coach bus, train tickets, public transportation passes in each city in the program, cell phone rental. NOT INCLUDED: passport expenses, personal expenses, meals other than those listed. Limited financial aid is available for this program.

INFORMATION SESSION: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 4:30 pm in Smith Hall 201.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, November 20, 2015 via the online application system on the Study Abroad website: http://holycross.edu/engaged-learning/study-abroad/programs/summer-2016-study-abroad-programs

FURTHER INFORMATION: Visit https://lms.holycross.edu/hcmoodle/course/view.php?id=3564 for additional course-related information. Contact Professor Doughton at tdoughto@holycross.edu, Professor Bitran at dbitran@holycross.edu, Director of Study Abroad, Professor Brit Smith at bsmith@holycross.edu, call Study Abroad at 508-793-3082, or visit the Office of Study Abroad in Smith 212.

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