The Florida State University College of Social Work is pleased to again offer for the third consecutive year a study abroad program in the beautiful city of Prague, capital of the Czech Republic, the summer of 2008 for both BSW and MSW students. This program will give participants the exciting opportunity to see social work – its theory, practice, and diversity – in a larger international arena, a vantage point that has become increasingly more important in our current global society. A major focus of the program will be on the social issues and enormous transitions that have occurred in Central and Eastern Europe since the fall of communism and, more specifically, how those issues are being addressed by the social work community.

A portion of the classroom setting will be transformed to the field, where students will visit a variety of social programs and dialogue on an informal level with Czech practitioners about these social problems and the emerging development of social work as a new profession in that region of the world. Guest lectures by social work faculty from Charles University, one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in Europe, regarding the practice of social work in related topic areas will also be included. Following are the two courses that will be offered for both graduate and undergraduate students:

- **SOW 4935/5938 – Selected Topic: International Social Welfare (3 credits).** This course will provide extensive content on major global issue that are changing the fact of social work practice around the world, such as human trafficking, international child welfare issues, poverty, the plight of refugees and asylum seekers, global gender issues, etc. Also included will be weekly visits to select social programs in the Czech Republic where students will receive lectures on the ways in which these issues are being addressed in Eastern Europe.

- **SOW 4935/5938 Selected Topic: HIV/AIDS in the Czech Republic (3 credits).** This program provides an opportunity for students to learn about HIV and AIDS in the Czech Republic, contrasting the Central and Eastern European experience with this public health crisis with the experiences of other cultures around the world. Interactions with health care and social service providers, persons infected and affected by the virus, and religious and community leaders will stimulate awareness of the conditions inhibiting or facilitating HIV/AIDS prevention, intervention, and care. Excursions will extend beyond Prague to Poland and surrounding environs, encouraging contact with a wide range of individuals and organizations fighting the spread of this worldwide pandemic.

In addition to the above activities, the following social/cultural events will be included in the program fee:

- Visit to **Krakow, Poland** (including a visit to Auschwitz and the neighboring salt mines in Poland)
- Weekend visit to **Cesky Krumlov**, a beautiful Renaissance town in the Czech Republic, & river rafting excursion
- Visit to **Terezin** concentration camp outside Prague
- Day trip to **Kutna Hora** and a silver mine in the Czech Republic
- Various excursions in Prague (Museum on Communism, glass blowing factory, castle tour, brewery tour, etc.)

**PROGRAM FEE:** The program fee of $6275 includes registration and tuition for up to 9 undergraduate credit hours (6 graduate hours); housing; program social/cultural excursions and activities; public transportation; health insurance; international student ID card; T-shirt; course specific field trips. **Not included:** round-trip international airfare; passport; food (except where indicated); books and supplies; personal travel/spending money.

**REGISTRATION:** Participants can register online by going to the following website at [http://international.fsu.edu/Application/Application.htm](http://international.fsu.edu/Application/Application.htm) and completing the relevant items. **Register soon as spaces are limited.** (Registration code: PR01)

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