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DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES  
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FCS 490; OR FCS 497/FCS 597

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Short-Term Study Abroad Course in Southeastern Europe

“Learning about Children and Families in Southeastern Europe:  
Croatia, Bosnia, Montenegro, and Slovenia”



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“For the born traveler, travelling is a besetting vice. Like other vices, it is imperious, demanding its victim's time, money, energy and the sacrifice of comfort” – **Aldous Huxley**.

“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in you sail. Explore. Dream. Discover” – **Mark Twain**.

“To get away from one's working environment is, in a sense, to get away from one's self; and this is often the chief advantage of travel and change” – **Charles Horton Cooley**.

“Travel and change of place impart new vigor to the mind” – **Seneca**.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** a 23 day short-term study abroad course that will focus attention on how immigration, social, cultural, religious, political, technological, and historical factors have influenced and changed the lives of children and families in the U.S., in Croatia, Bosnia, Montenegro, and Slovenia. The different teaching methods that will be used in the course will include lectures, DVDs, tourism, visits to local museums, experiential learning activities, service learning activities, utilization of guest speakers, and founders of non-governmental organizations. NGO offices, orphanages, universities, historic sites and iconic places will also be visited. Assignments for the course will be based on visits to these various sites.

**EXPECTED OUTCOMES:**

Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Describe the historical, religious, and cultural factors that have influenced the lives of children and families in Croatia, Bosnia, Montenegro, and Slovenia.
2. Compare and contrast the immigration trends in terms of the influence they have had on the food, dress, recreational patterns, marriage, and culture, etc. in Croatia, Bosnia, Montenegro, and Slovenia.
3. Discuss the horrific war of the 1990s and its effect the war had on children and families in Croatia, Bosnia, Montenegro, and Slovenia.
4. Compare and contrast the culture and people in Croatia, Bosnia, Montenegro, and Slovenia.
5. Visit schools, social service agencies, NGOs that assist low-income families in Croatia, Bosnia, Montenegro, and Slovenia.
6. Compare and Contrast the beliefs and rituals of Catholics, Orthodox Christians, Muslims, and Jews.
7. Analyze oral case studies of courage, endurance, and survival from guest speakers.
8. Hear oral accounts from police, clergy, and army officers about the genocide and mass killings that occurred in the 1990s.
9. Visit the "Tunnel of Hope" and visualize how hundreds of Bosnians survived without food for three years when the city of Sarajevo was surrounded and Bosnians were completely cut off from getting out of their homes and neighborhoods.
10. Enjoy the pristine natural beauty of this region.

**REQUIRED TEXTBOOK:**

Course Packet of book chapters and journal articles developed by the Instructor (2019). Both the textbook and packet of articles are available from Copy Pro Copy Center, which is located at 1785 H. Palo Verde Avenue, Long Beach, Ca 90815. Telephone Number: (562) 431-9974.

### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Attend four 8-hour lectures given by the instructor ----Pre-departure.
2. Attend **4 Orientation Meetings** presented by the instructor at CSULB before Departure;
3. Attend the orientation meeting presented by API (Academic Programs International)
4. Attend all the lectures given by the instructor in the U.S., in Croatia, Bosnia, Montenegro, and Slovenia on the scheduled days.
5. Read the 15 articles from the "**Packet of Short Readings**" for the FCSE 490 UNIV 300 level course.
6. Attend all the places of interest with group members in the identified destinations;
7. Ensure that you are punctual and ready to start the day at the designated times on all days.
8. Complete the Reflection Paper.
9. Have a positive attitude, get along with group members, and do not form cliques within the larger group of students enrolled in the program;
10. Complete a 66-item quiz in Long Beach before the start of the program.
11. Complete the **International, Croatia, Bosnia, Montenegro, and Slovenia General Knowledge/ Fact Sheet.**
12. Complete the written short term paper as per instructions.
13. Complete a Final exam that will be based on the lectures and the readings.

### **COURSE ASSIGNMENTS:**

**READINGS:** You must read the assigned readings from the required text, and internet articles from the **Short Readings Packet**. You must attend all the lectures designated on the class syllabus.

**EXAMINATION:** You will have to complete one quiz before you leave the U.S. You will also take the final exam at the end of the program before you leave Zagreb. The exam will include a combination of multiple-choice questions, matching questions, and short essay questions.

**COMPLETE THE INTERNATIONAL, CROATIA, BOSNIA, MONTENEGRO, AND**

**SLOVENIA FACT SHEET:** You will complete a **Fact Sheet/General Knowledge Fact Sheet** regarding *International Facts and Figures*, general knowledge and issues that you must know about the world and more specifically about the countries you will be visiting: Croatia, Bosnia, Montenegro, and Slovenia. This is an open book assignment. You must turn in this assignment before we leave the U.S. to receive credit for it.

**SHORT PAPER ON TWO GUEST SPEAKERS OR EXCURSIONS:** Each “Report” that you describe should be approximately 1 to 2-typed written page (double-spaced). This assignment will prove to be a very unique, interesting, worthwhile, reflective, and learning experience. From the following, pick any two of your choice and respond to some of the questions that pertain to **your specific walk**. You do not need to respond to all the questions.

- Visit to Social Service Agency --Bonsai
  - Visit to the Child Orphanage in Dubrovnik
  - MoSPY – Ministry of Social Policy and Youth
  - Sarajevo War Tunnel (Tunnel of Hope), Bosnia & Herzegovina
  - Social Service Agency in Kotor
  - Guest Speaker from School in Montenegro
  - Lecture Given by Imam
  - Visit to Synagogue and lecture given by Rabbi
  - Head of NGO, film producer, and acting therapist
  - CFSH –Children, Families, and Social Hub
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- (All papers must address this specific bullet) Did the particular “visit to the social service agency/guest speaker focus of children and families?”
    - A very **brief** description of the “ the visit to the place or the speaker that you are writing about:
    - A brief description of the places that the “walk” included:
    - What made you decide to write about this particular topic:

- What are **three** issues that appealed to you the most about the “guest speaker” or the “social service agency”;
- What did you learn after you completed the “visit to the social service agency or heard the guest speaker”?
- What are three things that you thought the speaker could have covered as part of his/her presentation. Also, point out three things that you did not think would be covered as part of the presentation, but the speaker covered these issues.
- What was your opinion about the speaker? Did you think that he/she had adequate knowledge about the topic?

**GRADES:** Grades will be given on the bases of attendance, the short paper, the quiz, 2 walks paper, and the final exam. The final grade will be based on the number of points that you earn out of a possible 700:

Attendance	100 Points
2 Short 2-3 Page Papers	200 Points
International, General Knowledge Fact Sheet	100 Points
Attitude, Curiousness, and Behavior During the Program	100 Points
Short Quiz	100 Points
Final Exam:	100 Points
<b>Total</b>	<b>700 Points</b>

Out of **700 possible points**: The following grading system will be followed:

90% and above A	<b>630</b>	60% and above D	<b>420</b>
80% and above B	<b>560</b>	<b>F is Less than 420 Points</b>	
70% and above C	<b>490</b>		

**\*\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: The students will be having five or six (3) hour classes from 6:00 to 8:45p.m. in FCS 106 before we leave the U.S. for Croatia The students will also be completing the following before we take off for Croatia.**

- **A General Knowledge and International Fact Sheet**
- **A 2-4 Page Term Paper**
- **EXAM I**



## TENTATIVE ITINERARY FOR CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH CHILD DEVELOPMENT & FAMILY STUDIES

June 2- June 21, 2019

**Sun, June 2**

Depart LAX for Croatia

**Mon, June 3**

Arrive in Croatia

Hotel Check-in

**Group lunch with API staff members in the hotel**

API Staff Meets and Greets the Group Members.

API Safety and Cultural Orientation

**Dinner on Own**

**Overnight in Zagreb Croatia**

**Tue, June 4**

Orientation to Croatia, Bosnia, Montenegro, and Slovenia

**Sightseeing tour of Zagreb**

**Visit the Museum of Illusions and the Museum of Broken Relationships**

**Lunch on Your Own**

**Welcome Dinner**

**Night in Zagreb, Croatia**

**Wed, June 5**

Transfer to see the Beautiful Plitvice Lakes

Guided Tour of Plitvice Lakes National Park---

Upper and Lower Lakes

**Lunch on Your Own**

Transfer to Dubrovnik

**Dinner on Your Own**

**Overnight in Dubrovnik, Croatia**



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- Thu, June 6**      City Orientation Tour  
**Lunch on Your Own**  
**Dinner on Your Own**  
**Overnight in Dubrovnik, Croatia**
- Fri, June 7**      “Happy Hour” Mixer with the Libertas University Students  
Visit to Bonsai (social service agency)  
Visit to social service agency  
**Lunch on Your Own**  
**Dinner on Your Own**  
**Overnight in Dubrovnik, Croatia**
- Sat, June 8**      FREE Day for Students to Engage in Optional Activities  
**Lunch on Your Own**  
**Dinner on Your Own**  
**Overnight in Dubrovnik, Croatia**
- Sun, June 9**      Speaker: War about Recent War in Croatia  
Visit to the War Museum on the Mountain by Cable Car  
Speaker: General from Croatian Army who defended Dubrovnik and Croatia and API Directors will share Experiences about the War  
**Lunch on Your Own**  
**Dinner on Your Own**  
**Overnight in Dubrovnik, Croatia**
- Mon, June 10**      Guest Speaker—Catholic Priest will Address the Similarities and Differences in everyday life activities Between People Living in the United States and Former Yugoslavian Countries.  
**Lunch on Your Own**  
Class:  
**Dinner on Your Own**  
**Overnight in Dubrovnik, Croatia**

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- Tue, June 11** Visit to Lokrum Island. Admire the island's Natural Beauty. Meet and spend quality time with Croatian family  
**Lunch on Your Own**  
Free Evening  
**Dinner with Host Family**  
**Overnight in Dubrovnik, Croatia**
- Wed, June 12** Visit a local high school in Dubrovnik  
Lunch on Your Own  
Participate in a Volunteer Activity  
**Lunch on Your Own**  
Volunteer Project  
**Dinner on Your own**  
**Overnight in Dubrovnik, Croatia**
- Thu, June 13** Visit the orphanage to spend some quality time with Children who lost their parents during the War of the 1990s.  
**Lunch on Your Own**  
Free Afternoon and Evening  
**Dinner on Your own**  
**Overnight in Dubrovnik, Croatia**
- Fri, June 14** Transfer to Montenegro (Approx. 3 Hour Drive)  
Guided Tour of Montenegro  
Guest Speaker from Government Social s Service Agency  
**Lunch on Your Own**  
Visit to Kotor –Social Service Agency  
Return to Dubrovnik  
**Dinner on Your own**  
**Overnight in Dubrovnik, Croatia**



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**Sat, June 15**

Visit a Jesuit Church  
Visit a Mosque: Lecture given by Dubrovnik Imam  
**Lunch on Your Own**  
Visit a Synagogue: Rabbi will Discuss the Migration of  
Jews in this Region  
**Dinner on Your own**  
**Overnight in Dubrovnik, Croatia**

**Sun, June 16**

Visit Mljet Island  
**Enjoy a picnic lunch (Provided)**  
**Dinner on Your own**  
**Overnight in Dubrovnik, Croatia**

**Mon, June 17**

Transfer to Bosnia  
Guided Tour of Historical sites and Visit to Nansen  
Dialog Network  
**Lunch on Your Own**  
Explore the local Square in Bosnia and shop  
Transfer to Sarajevo  
**Dinner on Your own**  
**Overnight in Sarajevo, Bosnia**

**Tue, June 18**

Sarajevo City Tour  
See the 1984 Winter Olympics Stadium  
Visit the Tunnel of Hope Museum  
**Lunch on Your Own**  
**Dinner on Your own**  
**Overnight in Sarajevo, Bosnia**

**Wed, June 19**

Transfer to go to Zagreb  
**Lunch on Your Own on the Way**  
Free time to Explore Zagreb  
**Dinner on Your own**  
**Overnight in Zagreb, Croatia**

**Thu, June 20**

Transfer to Slovenia  
Drive to Ljubljana for a guided tour  
**Lunch at the Square**  
Transfer to Bled  
Free time to explore Bled  
Transfer back to Zagreb  
Group farewell dinner (included in the program)  
Overnight in Zagreb

**Fri, June 21**

API will Arrange Return to the Airport  
Departure from Zagreb to the U.S.