

# HUNGARY AND POLAND

A GVSU PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM



## University of Debrecen and Cracow University of Economics STAIR PROJECT INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MAJORS/MINORS

### TELL ME ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

STAIR is a cooperative academic program between Cracow University of Economics (CUE) in Cracow, Poland and University of Debrecen (UD), Debrecen, Hungary, and Grand Valley State University. The primary goal of this program is to facilitate student and faculty exchange between the partner universities in the area of International Relations. Selected GVSU candidates will earn a bachelor-level diploma supplement in International Relations from both the University of Debrecen and Cracow University of Economics is a recognized credential in Europe.

This program offers an opportunity for students to study in two different countries/cultures, learn new languages, improve global competency, and engage in a learning environment which fosters an advanced transatlantic understanding between North America and Europe. GVSU students are required to participate in two semesters of study abroad, one semester in Poland and the other in Hungary.

For additional information about Cracow University of Economics, visit: [www.bpz.ae.krakow.pl/index\\_en.html](http://www.bpz.ae.krakow.pl/index_en.html)

For additional information about the University of Debrecen, visit: [www.unideb.hu/](http://www.unideb.hu/)

### WHEN CAN I GO?

Winter semester in Poland February–June  
Fall semester in Hungary September–January

### WHERE WILL I LIVE?

Students studying at Cracow University of Economics generally live in apartments near the CUE campus. Students studying at the University of Debrecen have the option of living in on-campus residence halls located on or near the UD campus. Additional information is available online through the host university's website.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

Students must be degree-seeking, have a declared major or minor in International Relations, and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 at the time of application. All applicants must have completed at least 1 year at GVSU prior to participation in the program. Additionally, applicants must have completed 1 semester of Polish language prior to participation in the program.

### HOW DO I APPLY?

Students interested in applying for this program will be required to complete two separate applications. The first application is the STAIR Exchange Student Application and is due no later than September 30th at noon. This application can be obtained in the Padnos International Center. If your application is approved by the STAIR Academic Board, you will be invited to complete the PIC online application.

### DEADLINES:

Winter 2009	September 30, 2008 (by noon)	Fall 2009	January 15, 2009
Winter 2010	September 10, 2009	Fall 2010	January 15, 2010

Padnos International Center

[www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad](http://www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad)

## WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

### Winter Semester in Poland

GVSU Tuition	\$4,302*	Books and supplies	\$100
Meals	\$800	Housing (off-campus apt)	\$1,575 (approx. \$350/mo)
Airfare	\$1,000	Misc. living expenses	\$1,000
Passport/Visa/Int'l ID	\$125	Health insurance (if not covered)	\$300
<b>Total projected cost</b>	<b>\$9,202**</b>		

### Fall Semester in Hungary

GVSU Tuition	\$4,302*	Misc. Living Expenses:	\$1,000
Housing	\$1,200	Health Insurance (if not covered)	\$300
Meals:	\$800	Passport/Visa/Int'l I.D.	\$125
Books & Supplies:	\$250	Airfare:	\$1,200
<b>Total projected cost</b>	<b>\$9,177**</b>		

\*Based on 2008-2009 in-state, upper-division tuition rate.

\*\*The cost of any study abroad program depends to a large extent on the participant's personal spending habits and lifestyle. Personal travel, entertainment, gifts, souvenirs, and other types of personal spending are costs not reflected in the above estimates.

### IMPORTANT SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:

The Padnos International Center and the STAIR Academic Board will select six students each fiscal year to receive the **STAIR Exchange Student Scholarship** of \$6,000 per semester for two semesters (Winter semester in Poland, Fall semester in Hungary). Recipients of this scholarship must agree to participate in both semesters in order to be eligible for this funding.

## FINANCIAL AID

Many types of financial aid, such as loans, grants and scholarships, are available to GVSU students and can be used for meeting the cost of this program. All GVSU students in good academic standing are eligible to apply for loans. **Early application for financial aid is strongly recommended.**

## WHO CAN TELL ME MORE?

Visit the Padnos International Center at 130 Lake Ontario Hall Monday through Friday from 8am - 5pm and Wednesday until 8pm for more information.

Academic questions: Polly Diven, Director of the International Relations Program, [divenp@gvsu.edu](mailto:divenp@gvsu.edu)

Application & financial matters: Rebecca Hambleton, Padnos International Center, [hambletr@gvsu.edu](mailto:hambletr@gvsu.edu)

## WHAT CREDITS WILL I RECEIVE?

Students interested in this program will be required to secure faculty approval for the courses they wish to take at the University of Debrecen and Cracow University of Economics. For details on the course options available contact the Director of the International Relations Program.

For a list of courses that have been pre-approved visit the PIC website at [www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad](http://www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad). Courses that are not listed on the course equivalency chart will require departmental approval.

The process for securing approval for the courses you wish to take at the host institution is as follows:

- 1) Carefully review the course options available during the semester you plan to study at the host institution.
- 2) Print off the description of the course(s) you are interested on taking at the host institution.
- 2) Arrange to meet with the Director of the International Relations Program.
- 3) Present the Study Abroad Credit Form and the host institution course description to the Director and ask him/her to complete the Study Abroad Credit Form indicating the GVSU course equivalency.

If you have questions about this process, contact the Padnos International Center.