

UKRAINE

A GVSU FACULTY LED PROGRAM



ANTHROPOLOGY

IN UKRAINE

SPRING SEMESTER 2011

TELL ME ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

The study abroad program in Ukraine is designed to educate students about the relationship between the environment and human beings. The courses will focus on how human activity has been shaped by the environment, as well as how humans have re-shaped the environment. Ukraine is a place where human and environmental interaction has experienced dramatic change several times throughout history, from the first farmers in the region to the 1986 tragedy at the Chernobyl nuclear power station. Courses in the program will highlight the crucial parameters of our interaction with nature, which shape both our biological and social development. The "Culture and Environment" course (part of the Man and Environment theme requirement) will be devoted to the study of human impacts, variability of experience in different environments, and environmental determinants of human cultures. The "Bioarchaeology" course will encompass the reconstruction of patterns of subsistence, disease, activity patterns, status, ethnicity, diet and demography from the human skeleton to better understand past lifeways. As part of the bioarchaeology course students will excavate at a site that is about 5,000 years old which contains ceramics, lithics, and human remains. An alternative to either of the courses described would be "Independent Research," in which the student would focus on a particular category of artifacts from Ukraine and complete a research project.

This program will be offered in cooperation with V. Stefanyk Pre-Carpathian National University (PCNU). PCNU is the main provider of liberal arts and science education in Western Ukraine. PCNU has a main campus in the city of Ivano-Frankivsk and several satellite campuses across the region. There are currently around 7,000 students studying at PCNU.

WHEN CAN I GO?

Approximate program dates are May 9, 2011–June 2, 2011.

WHERE WILL I LIVE?

Program participants will live in hotels.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

This program is open to all majors. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required. A complete application must be submitted by **February 1, 2011**.

Padnos International Center

www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad

WHAT CREDITS WILL I RECEIVE?

Students will register for a total of 6-9 credits:

ANT 340: Culture and Environment (fulfills course within Theme 11 and World Perspectives GenEd)

Three credits OR

ANT 499: Independent Research

Three to six credits AND/OR

ANT 380: Bioarchaeology

Three credits

HOW MUCH DOES THIS PROGRAM COST?

The approximate fee for this program is \$4,365*.

Includes:

- Round-trip transportation from Grand Rapids
- Housing
- All meals
- Field trips
- All ground transportation

Not included in the fee:

- GVSU Tuition (6-9 credits)
- Personal expenses
- Passport/photos

*Fee subject to adjustments based on actual exchange rates and international airfare.

FINANCIAL AID

All students considering study abroad should have their financial aid reevaluated regardless of whether they are currently receiving federal aid. Additional need-based study abroad grants are also available to eligible students. Early application for financial aid is strongly recommended.

GRANTS

GVSU offers grants to be used specifically for faculty-led programs. These grants, which are approximately \$500, are based on financial need only-academic or other criteria are not taken into consideration. All degree-seeking students accepted into a GVSU faculty-led program are automatically considered for the grant if they have a current FAFSA on file in the Financial Aid Office. No application required.

HOW DO I APPLY?

To apply for this program, log on to www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad to begin your online application.

Completed applications must be submitted by **February 1, 2011**.

WHO CAN TELL ME MORE?

2011 Director:

Gwyn Madden
maddeng@gvsu.edu
1167 Au Sable Hall
616-331-2721

*All program information including courses, duration of program, dates, and other logistics are subject to change.

Padnos International Center

www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad