Poland: Cracow University of Economics (STAIR)
Open to: All majors

TELL ME ABOUT THIS PROGRAM
CRACOW, POLAND: STAIR is a cooperative academic program that began in 2008 between Cracow University of Economics (CUE) in Cracow, Poland and GVSU. The primary goal of this program is to facilitate student and faculty exchanges between the partner university in the area of Transatlantic International Relations. Selected GVSU candidates will earn a bachelor-level diploma in International Relations from Cracow University of Economics at the end of the program. 

This program offers an opportunity for students to study at Cracow University of Economics for an academic year and earn a dual-degree after the completion of specific core requirements. We highly recommend an academic year of study at CUE in order to fulfill the requirements for the dual-degree. Participants will learn from 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.

Cracow University of Economics: www.uek.krakow.pl/en
History of the GVSU-CUE Partnership

WHEN CAN I GO?
Academic Year 2018-2019: September – July

WHERE WILL I LIVE?
Students studying at Cracow University of Economics generally live in apartments near the CUE campus. Past students have found affordable accommodation within a day or two of arrival to Cracow. Additional information: http://nowa.uek.krakow.pl/en/exchange-students.html.

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.

HOW DO I APPLY?
To apply for this program, log on to www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad to begin your online application.
Application Deadlines
Academic Year 2018-2019: Feb. 1, 2018

WHAT CREDITS WILL I RECEIVE?
The STAIR program offers courses in economics, history, geography, international relations, and political science.
Students participating in a partnership program will either register for courses that have been pre-approved or will go through a Course Approval Process.

For a full list of course options: (Academic Program & Course Information): Program Details

HOW MUCH DOES THE PROGRAM COST?
The approximate fee for this program is Total Projected Cost: $22,187 - 24,809 (per academic year).

FINANCIAL AID
Students typically pay for study abroad through a combination of financial aid, personal funds, scholarships/grants and alternative loans. Early application for financial aid is strongly recommended. To contact the Financial Aid office, email finaid@gvsu.edu with “Study Abroad” in the Subject line. Include your G Number and Total Projected Cost of the program in the e-mail.

GRANTS
STUDY ABROAD SEMESTER GRANT: The average study abroad semester grant award is $500 per semester. Students who complete an online study abroad application by the designated priority deadline, have a 2.5 GPA and a FAFSA on file, may be eligible for a study abroad grant ranging from $500-$1,750/semester. Due to limited funding, not all eligible students will receive a grant.

PARTNERSHIP GRANT: The Padnos International Center will be providing a $2,000 Partnership Grant for the 2017-18 academic year ($1,000/semester) to all participants accepted into the STAIR program. Recipients of this grant must agree to participate in both semesters in order to be eligible for this funding. Visit www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad/scholarships for more information on these and other grants/scholarships.

WHO CAN TELL ME MORE?
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