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Why study abroad in Ukraine with EESA?

Eastern European Study Abroad is the only study abroad provider that offers a semester long, high-caliber comprehensive program in Ukraine for undergraduate students engaged in economics, business, political science, international relations, history, cultural studies and/or the Russian or Ukrainian language.

EESA-Ukraine offers classes in English at one of the most prominent universities in Kharkiv – one of the major scientific centers in Eastern Europe. Students participate in exciting academic field trips to Moscow, Kyiv and within the Kharkiv region and learn the culture first-hand. During the trips, students visit government institutions, meet with leaders of the community, government officials, NGOs and business owners.

The goal of Eastern European Study Abroad is to deliver the highest level of academics, student safety, and the most fulfilling overall study abroad experience. After completing the EESA-Ukraine program, students will have a more sophisticated perspective on current world affairs and be more prepared for leading an exciting career.



The Independence Square in Kyiv, Ukraine

EESA Difference:

Ukraine is known as one of the most hospitable nations in the world, and it is our philosophy at EESA to create a home away from home for students while they are studying abroad in Ukraine.

We welcome students to the EESA community where they receive world-class education, the most rewarding overall study abroad experience, and friendships that last a life time.

Program Overview

Travel Plan

Students are responsible for making their own travel arrangements to Kharkiv, Ukraine. We recommend that you book a flight that lands in Kharkiv, rather than in Kyiv. If you land in Kyiv, you may get to Kharkiv by train, bus, taxi or a connecting flight. EESA representatives will only meet students upon their arrival to Kharkiv.

Kharkiv International Airport-HRK

Arriving in Kharkiv:

EESA representatives will meet students upon their arrival to Kharkiv International Airport and take them to their apartments. A snack and an opportunity to send an email will be provided.

Students will have an orientation during the first week. They will go on fun field trips, meet all the participants of the program, and learn more about the university and the city.

Program Dates:

Fall Semester:

Early September to mid-December

Spring Semester:

Late January to late May

Location: Kharkiv, Ukraine

Language Prerequisite: None

Language of Instruction: English, Russian, Ukrainian

Areas of Study: economics, political science, history, market analysis, cultural studies, finance and banking, international relations, democratization, transition economies, and the Russian and Ukrainian languages

Field Trips: Moscow, Kyiv, and other cities

EESA orientation will take place during the first week after the arrival to Kharkiv. Students will learn more about the city, the university, transportation options and visit several famous places in the Kharkiv region, such as the one of a kind cave monastery built on the Slavyansk chalk hills on the banks of the Seversky Donetsk river.

Classes will start the following week at the V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University. Students can choose from a variety of courses that best fit their degree requirements for up to 16 credits per semester.

There is no language prerequisite to participate in the program, as classes are taught in English. Those students who major in Russian can perfect their language proficiency by taking upper-level Russian courses and still participate in EESA-organized field trips. Ukrainian language courses are also available for interested students. Classroom activities, excursions and other events organized by EESA provide for a high level of cultural immersion.

EESA Students will live in modern apartments in the center of Kharkiv and attend one of the most prominent universities in Eastern Europe.

During the semester abroad, students will participate in exciting academic field trips to Moscow, Kyiv and other places of historical and cultural significance.

Program Application Deadlines:

Term	Priority Admission	General Admission	Early Confirmation Discount*
Fall Semester	February 15	April 1	March 1
Spring Semester	October 1	November 1	October 15

* Refer to page 15 for more information about the Early Confirmation Discount

Ukraine



Ukrainian Cossack

Quick facts:

Area: 603,700 sq km (233,090 sq mi)

Population: 47,318,079

Capital: Kyiv

Currency: 1 Hryvnya=100 Kopyikas

Major cities: Kyiv, Kharkiv, L'viv, Donetsk, Dnipropetrovsk, Odessa

Literacy: 99%

Religion: Christian (88%)
(Ukrainian Orthodox-85%, Roman Catholic-10%), Protestant (3%), Jewish (1%)

Main exports: metals, pipes, machinery, petroleum products, textiles, agricultural products

Ukraine is the largest country in Europe, just about the size of Texas, with very productive soil, long history, and rich culture. The population of the country is 47 million people, who are famous for their extreme hospitality.

Ukraine has Carpathian Mountains in the West and is a home to two seas: the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov in the South. The climate is mostly temperate continental with warmer temperatures in Crimea along the Black Sea, where the climate is Mediterranean.

Ukrainian identity began with the formation of the first eastern Slavic state Kyivan Rus' in the 9th century AD. With the center in Kyiv, it became the largest and most powerful state in Europe in the 10th and 11th centuries.

Later, parts of Ukrainian territory were under control of neighboring countries. However, Ukrainian Cossacks governed their autonomous state for over a century and became a foundation of Ukrainian national identity and culture. The independence of Ukraine was reached on August 24th, 1991.

Christianity was established in Kyivan Rus' in 988 and has played important role in the formation of culture. The churches of Kyiv caused admiration of foreign travelers visiting the city in the 11th and 12th centuries. A lot of Ukrainian architecture includes breathtaking cathedrals that are preserved from ancient times.

Educational system and literacy in Ukraine have been at high levels from the earliest history. In the 11th century, Ukraine had one of the biggest libraries in Europe, and public schools for both boys and girls were widespread. The first higher education institution in Eastern Europe - Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, was established in the early 17th century. Today, Ukraine has 99% literacy rate.

Modern Ukraine is a beautiful and fascinating country that combines European spirit with millennia-old traditions.





Kharkiv

The EESA -Ukraine Program is based in Kharkiv, the second largest city in Ukraine with the population of 1.5 million people. It is the administrative center of the Kharkiv Oblast, one of the 25 regions of Ukraine. The city was founded in 1654 and has been a large scientific, industrial and educational center for centuries. Kharkiv is home to over 40 colleges and universities with a total student population of over 150,000.



Kharkiv

Kharkiv is home to 1.5 million people making it the second most populous city in Ukraine after the capital Kyiv. The city is located in Northeastern Ukraine, approximately 40 km from the Russian border. Kharkiv was named the first capital of Soviet Ukraine in 1919. After the whole country was taken over by the Soviet rule, the capital was moved to Kyiv in 1934. People in Kharkiv still refer to the city as “The First Capital”.

Kharkiv is a large scientific, industrial and educational center of Ukraine. There are over 40 higher educational institutions in the city. The industrial production in Kharkiv was the highest in USSR during the Soviet era. Plane, tank, tractor, and turbine factories of Kharkiv used to produce machinery for most of the Soviet Union. After the collapse of the USSR, these factories had to adjust to market needs and are operating today with a lower output.

Kharkiv is one of the largest transportation centers in Ukraine. Connections within the region and to many cities around the world are provided by public transport, railways, air, and taxis. The first railway station in Kharkiv opened in 1869 and is now one of the busiest transportation centers in Ukraine. It is very easy to get around Kharkiv using public transportation or taxis. Buses, trolleybuses, tramways and metro provide fast and easy connections to virtually all corners of the city.

Kharkiv’s Metro is the city’s underground rapid transit system. It opened in 1975 with one line and eight stations. Each station was uniquely designed based on the name of the station. This way no two stations are alike, making it easier to remember where to get off if you don’t hear the stop. Today, the Kharkiv Metro consists of 3 lines, 28 stations, and 35.4 kilometers (22 miles) of tracks. The Metro services over one million people each day, making it the easiest and most affordable way to get around Kharkiv.

Kharkiv is called a green city for its abundance of parks with beautiful fountains. The city has plenty of entertainment options, including visiting museums, theaters, movie theaters, bars/clubs, restaurants, or watching a professional soccer game.

Weather. Kharkiv has four seasons and a temperate climate. Average winter temperature is $-7\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$), and the average summer temperature is $21\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($73\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$). The average rainfall totals 513 mm (20 in) per year, with the most in June and July.



The Mirror Stream is an unofficial symbol of Kharkiv

The Annunciation Cathedral was built in 1888-1901 and is now an integral component of the panoramic view of the western part of Kharkiv.





The coat of arms of Kharkiv bears caduceus and cornucopia on a green shield. Cornucopia, or “the horn of plenty” symbolizes the abundance of new harvest, and caduceus emphasizes good health. An open book with an atomic symbol symbolizes education and science; a half of a sprocket stands for industry; and four stalks of rye above the green shield symbolize agriculture.

Kharkiv was founded in 1654 by Ukrainian Cossacks as a fortified settlement. Due to its economically advantageous location, the city soon grew into a large trading, transportation, educational and cultural center. By the middle of 18th century, Kharkiv’s annual merchant fairs were one of the largest in the country. The city’s economic growth facilitated its advancement as a cultural center. Kharkiv College (est. in 1734) and Kharkiv University, later V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University (est. in 1804) were one of the first and the best educational institutions in the country. The first professional theater troupe in Ukraine was established in Kharkiv in 1789. Ukrainian cinema originated in Kharkiv in the late 1890’s.

Shortly after the October Revolution of 1917 and the overthrow of the tsarist regime in the Russian Empire, Eastern Ukraine was taken over by the communist authorities. From 1919 to 1934, Kharkiv was the capital of Soviet Ukraine. With that status, Kharkiv was developed more intensively than most other Soviet cities. In 1920’s, many architectural developments took place in Kharkiv, including a 150 meters tall wooden radio tower and the *Derzhprom* building.

During the World War II, Kharkiv was devastated with destruction as the possession of the city was heavily fought over. The city was occupied by the Nazis for 22 months resulting in death of over 100,000 of its inhabitants. The city was finally liberated on August 23rd, 1943 and this day is now celebrated as an official city holiday.

Kharkiv was the third largest scientific and industrial center in the former USSR after Moscow and Leningrad (now St. Petersburg). Scientific research, industrial production and culture flourished in the city. Modern Kharkiv is one of the most prolific centers of higher education and research in Eastern Europe. There are numerous scientific research institutes in the city concentrating in physics, biology, astronomy, and other fields. Kharkiv is home to 13 national universities and over 30 professional, technical and private higher education institutions. It is a very vibrant and modern city with the student population of over 150,000 including 9,000 foreign students from nearly 100 different countries.



Kharkiv Assumption Cathedral hosts one of the oldest organs in Eastern Europe. Concerts feature prominent Kharkiv and guest performers of chamber and organ music.

Derzhprom building, built in 1928, is located right next to the Karazin University at Kharkiv’s main Freedom Square and still remains one of the city’s famous landmarks. At the time of its completion, it was the largest “skyscraper” in the USSR and second in Europe.



Student Life



Kharkiv's status as an educational center provides for a large population of students, over 150,000. The city's life is vibrant and energetic. Concerts, music and movie festivals, sports championships, and other exciting events take place in the city throughout the year.

After the academic work is done, there are plenty of entertainment options available in Kharkiv. Students enjoy bowling, rollerblading in a park, going to movies, skating at one of many ice arenas, watching a professional soccer game, seeing a theater, opera or a ballet performance, attending a concert, or going to

the circus. Even skiing is an option at the city's Pyatehatki Hills in the winter. Kharkiv is considered a green city for its 110 parks with beautiful fountains. The two largest parks are located in the center of the city next door to the main Freedom Square and the Karazin University. On a nice day, many people spend some time with friends walking in a park or having a quick meal or a cup of coffee in one of many outdoor cafés. The gondola ride at the Gorky Amusement Park opens great views of the city. In the evenings, you might see a free concert in one of the parks, listen to live music in one of the cafés/clubs; or simply enjoy the beauty of the water fountains that light up with different colors at night.

Ukraine is considered one of the most hospitable nations in the world. Students will meet a lot of new people while studying in Kharkiv, some of them will become good friends for years to come. Hospitality is in every aspect of life in Ukraine. People in the street are always willing to help a foreigner or a visitor to the city. If you are a guest in somebody's house, you will be offered the best meal and the best accommodations available.

Studying abroad with EESA is about world-class education, cultural immersion, feeling safe and welcome and having a great time! For many students, studying abroad is a turning point in their lives, where students learn more about themselves and our world. At EESA, we are committed to making this experience the most fulfilling. Students are provided with all necessary accommodations to be successful and enjoy studying abroad.

Our friendly staff at the EESA office in Kharkiv will support you as you explore the city and the culture. They will help with any questions or arrangements.

EESA Center in Kharkiv

The EESA Kharkiv Center is located in the building of the Karazin University, making it convenient for students to meet each other in the Center, or visit the EESA staff with any questions.

The Center has a student lounge and a study center equipped with computers.

The EESA staff are in the office 8am to 5pm during weekdays but are always available on call for any emergencies 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University



The first building of the University in 1804



EESA students will be attending courses at V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University located right in the heart of the city at the main Freedom Square. Karazin University is one of the most renowned scientific and cultural institution in Ukraine. It is the oldest university in Kharkiv and one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in Europe. The activities of the University have developed Kharkiv into a major industrial, scientific and cultural center.

The university was founded in 1804 by V.N. Karazin and has since then become a leader in higher education and research in Eastern Europe. Since its foundation, Kharkiv National University has graduated over 130,000 students. Over sixty of its graduates became academicians and corresponding members of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences, three became Nobel Prize laureates, and many have made scientific discoveries of the world level. Numerous Kharkiv streets are named after professors, researchers and alumni of the University.

The University is among the largest research centers in Ukraine committed to work in almost all trends of modern fundamental research. It is the leading research organization of several international space programs. Since 1808, the University has had its own Astronomical Observatory which is one of the leading astronomical centers of Ukraine involved in fundamental and applied research in the Physics of the Sun, the planets, asteroids, comets and satellites.

The Center for International Students Training opened in 1948 and has since then graduated over 3,000 international students from Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas. In 1961, one of the first preparatory schools for international students was created in Ukraine. Since then, over 11,000 international students have had language training at the University.

EESA students will have an opportunity to visit the University's Botanical Garden. It was founded in 1804 and is the oldest botanical garden in Ukraine. It is a state preserve containing a unique collection of plants representing various botanical and geographic zones of the world.

The University's Central Scientific Library was founded in 1805. Today, it numbers 3,500,000 units, including 50,000 unique editions. The University's Natural History Museum was founded in 1807 and is one of the oldest university museums in the world.

EESA classes are taught by high caliber professors of V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University, many of whom are world-renowned scholars.

List of Courses

- ◆ **HIST/POL/IR 250** History of Ukraine and its Contemporary Economic and Political System (*required*)
- ◆ **ECON/IB 365** Finance and Banking in the countries of Eastern Europe
- ◆ **ECON 350** Transition to Market Economies in Former Socialist Countries
- ◆ **POL/IR 280** Soviet and Post-Soviet Politics
- ◆ **POL/CUL 360** Democracy and Democratization in Comparative Perspective
- ◆ **POL/CUL 350** Comparative Political Revolutions
- ◆ **RUS EESA** Russian Language (*at least one language course is required*)
- ◆ **UKR EESA** Ukrainian Language

Each course is worth 4 credits. Each student should attend 4 courses per semester for up to 16 credits total. All courses are taught in English with the exception of Russian and Ukrainian language courses.

Russian or Ukrainian language is a required course for all program participants. The language proficiency test will be taken upon arrival to determine placement. History of Ukraine and its Contemporary Economic and Political System is a required course; however, this requirement may be waived if a student shows a proof of previously completed course work that may be a substitute, or if this course conflicts with student's degree requirements.

The above list of courses is subject to change. For the most current list of EESA courses and their syllabi, please visit our website www.eesabroad.org.

Russian Language:

BEGINNING

RUS 101 Elementary Russian I
RUS 102 Elementary Russian II

INTERMEDIATE

RUS 201 Intermediate Russian I
RUS 202 Intermediate Russian II

ADVANCED

RUS 310 Advanced Russian
RUS 350 Advanced Russian
Composition, Conversation and
Reading

Ukrainian Language:

UKR 101 Elementary Ukrainian
UKR 201 Intermediate Ukrainian
UKR 300 Advanced Ukrainian

To fulfill the language requirement course, students may enroll in a Ukrainian language class instead of Russian.

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Academic Field Trips

Academic field trips are an essential part of a study abroad experience and help students further understand the material learned in classroom.

EESA-Ukraine organizes academic field trips to Kyiv, Moscow, Pirogovo, and to historical and cultural sites in Kharkiv region. During these trips, students meet with internationally recognized economic and political experts, government officials, and leaders of NGOs and multi-national corporations. Students will learn their perspective on current events and see practical implications of information discussed in class. The cost of these trips is included in the program fee.



St. Basil's Cathedral at the Red Square

Moscow

The field trip to Moscow takes place about two months after students arrive to Kharkiv. While in Moscow, EESA students will have several academic sessions, an organized city tour and some free time to explore the city on their own.

Moscow was founded by Prince Yuri Dolgoruky in 1147 and is now home to over 10 million people. It is the political, scientific, historical, architectural and business center of Russia. At the heart of the city lies Kremlin, the great Russian fortress. It is a symbol of two mighty imperial cultures: medieval Muscovy and the Soviet Union. During times of war and fear of invasion, Moscow citizens would retreat into the Kremlin walls for protection. Now the city has grown far beyond the walls of Kremlin and the fortress serves as a major tourist attraction. Right next to Kremlin are the famous Red Square, nine-dome St. Basil's Cathedral, Lenin's Mausoleum, the KGB Museum, and other symbols of Moscow's rich history.

Moscow is home to beautiful landscape with breathtaking and unique architecture. It is truly a living museum to a millennium of political, religious and cultural history. In an age when church and state were inseparable, cathedrals were built with magnificent dome structures, and served as an ultimate symbol of power and prestige. Moscow's cathedrals, some of which date back to the Middle Ages, are widely different in style, but are all beautiful and majestic. The churches on the territory of Kremlin, St. Basil's Cathedral and the Church of Christ the Savior are all located within walking distance in the heart of the city. Moscow has numerous museums of natural history, art, science and technology; as well as numerous opera, drama and ballet theaters including the world-famous Bolshoi Theater – the icon for the school of Russian Ballet.



Orthodox Church at the Red Square



View of Kremlin and the Moscow River



Church of Christ the Savior

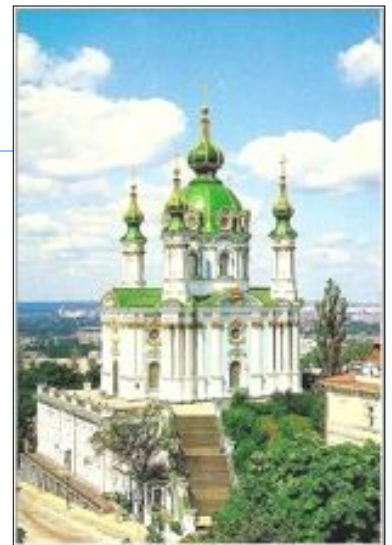
Kyiv

The academic field trip to Kyiv takes place approximately one month after the semester begins. Students will visit government institutions, international corporations and meet with economic and political experts, government officials, and business owners. Apart from academic sessions, EESA students will have several organized city tours and free time to explore the city.

Kyiv is the capital of Ukraine with a population of over 3 million people. It has come a long way from an ancient settlement of nomadic tribes to becoming one of the largest cities in the world. Kyiv is a very beautiful city with its breathtaking historical and cultural monuments and architectural ensembles.

The legend says that Kyiv was founded by three brothers, Kyi, Schek and Khoryv, and their sister Lybid' at the end of the 5th century. The city was the capital of Kyivan Rus' in the 9th-12th centuries and is therefore often called the mother of Slavic nations. During the 11th-12th centuries, Kyivan Rus' was the most powerful state in Europe and Kyiv was one of the largest centers of civilization in the Christian world.

As a capital of Ukraine, modern Kyiv is home to a lot of government institutions and multi-national corporations' headquarters. Foreign language can often be heard on the streets of Kyiv as it is a major tourist attraction. Despite its modern style of life, Kyiv is filled with the spirit of its long history. Modern buildings are intertwined with ancient architectural ensembles that have been there for centuries.



Andriyivska Church



Kyivo-Pecherska Lavra and the Dnieper River



The Independence Monument in Kyiv

Pirogovo



EESA students will visit Pirogovo, a very unique museum of Ukrainian architecture that is designed as an actual village. It exemplifies traditional Ukrainian lifestyles and contains over 300 pieces of folk architecture including houses, churches and mills that were brought here from all parts of Ukraine and carefully reassembled. When visitors walk onto the territory of Pirogovo, they are taken back in time to a 15th century

Ukrainian village. Craftsmen dressed in traditional clothes are showcasing their talent; and meals are served in a unique setting from centuries ago. This is the best way to experience the folklore, culture and long history of Ukraine.



Housing

While studying in Kharkiv with EESA, all students are provided with safe, clean, modern and comfortable housing. EESA students will be placed in fully furnished 2-4 bedroom apartments in the center of Kharkiv. Only students of the same gender will be placed in apartments together. All students will live in close proximity to Karazin Kharkiv National University where the classes take place. Every program participant will have his or her own bedroom and will share an apartment with other students. Kitchen, living room, and bathroom are shared areas. Apartments are equipped with all necessary modern appliances for comfortable living. Laundry is not a problem because each apartment has a washing machine in the unit free of charge to students.

To help arrange for the best roommate situation, EESA asks each student to fill out the housing questionnaire form included with the application package. EESA makes every effort to place students together that we believe would be most compatible in sharing an apartment. In addition, the EESA office in Kharkiv has a full-time housing advisor that helps students work out any problems and find a solution for a comfortable living arrangement.

Health, Safety and Support

Safety, security and overall wellness of students are our highest priority. The staff at the EESA Kharkiv office follows strict security guidelines and is available on call for any health or safety emergencies 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The EESA office in Kharkiv receives updates from the U.S. embassy in Ukraine regarding U.S. citizen safety. The staff stays in close contact with local police department and other authorities for quick notification and response to any emergencies. The Center has detailed plans for evacuating students should the need arise.

All students who participate in the EESA-Ukraine program are required to have comprehensive international medical insurance coverage. All students will have access to 24/7 traveler's emergency response line, full medical and emergency evacuation coverage. Our friendly and professional staff is trained to help with any questions regarding living arrangements, cultural adjustment, academics, personal issues or any other concerns that students may have. The EESA center in Kharkiv employs both American and Ukrainian citizens who are very familiar with local culture, institutions, infrastructure and the way of life. EESA strongly believes in the importance of extensive support network for students while abroad and assures that students feel at home while studying in Ukraine.

Cell phones are mandatory for all students while studying abroad with EESA. Phones must be charged and turned on at all times. Students will have an option of renting a cell phone before they leave the United States or purchasing or renting a phone once they get to Ukraine. By making cell phones mandatory, EESA ensures that students can be reached at any time both by EESA and their parents, should an emergency arise.

Passports and Visas

Passports valid for at least six months beyond the end date of the program are a mandatory requirement for participation. It is very important that you apply for a passport immediately and choose expedited processing. If you do not have a passport you will not be able to study abroad.

Ukrainian visa is required for U.S. citizens if they are staying in Ukraine for longer than 90 days. For the most up-to-date information on visa requirements for EESA students, please visit our website www.eesabroad.org. Students who are admitted into the program, will be mailed a visa application packet along with an official invitation letter.

Russian visa is needed for U.S. citizens to participate in the academic field trip to Moscow. After students' arrival to Kharkiv, EESA will arrange a mandatory students' visit to the Consulate of Russian Federation in Kharkiv in order to obtain visas. Currently, the application fee for a Russian visa is \$131 and is included in the total cost of the program.

Non-U.S. citizens should apply to EESA as soon as possible as extra processing time might be necessary.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I afford to study abroad?

Yes! For most students, it costs less to study abroad with EESA, than to attend a semester at their home institution. Your financial aid may be allocated towards studying abroad and numerous scholarships both from EESA and outside sources are available.

Do I have to major in Russian in order to participate in the EESA-Ukraine program?

No! Anybody can participate in the EESA-Ukraine program and receive credits for taking classes in English. Russian or Ukrainian language courses are offered at beginning, intermediate and advanced levels. Credits from EESA classes can be counted towards economics, political science, cultural studies, any other major, or to fulfill general courses requirements.

Will my credits that I earned abroad transfer to my home institution?

EESA students will be taking classes at the Karazin Kharkiv National University, which is a fully accredited university and one of the most prominent schools in Eastern Europe. All credits should be transferrable towards your degree at your domestic institution. Students need to check with their academic advisor to ensure credit transferability.

Can I bring my American cell phone to use in Ukraine?

Using a cell phone from an American provider will be extremely expensive in Europe because of the roaming fees. You may bring your own cell phone provided it will accept a European sim card. You will have an option of renting a cell phone while still in U.S. or in Ukraine. Students will choose their own provider and rates within one week after their arrival.

Should I bring my laptop?

It is recommended to bring a laptop provided it accepts local electric current (220V) and can be used in foreign countries. EESA will not be able to provide any technical support with hardware or software malfunctions.

Will I graduate on time if I study abroad?

Yes! By consulting your academic advisor and planning ahead, studying abroad for a semester should not delay your graduation in any way. On the contrary, this experience will be a great addition to your degree and your resume.

When should I apply for the program?

You should apply as early as possible as the admission process is competitive and the program may close before the deadline. You should contact your school's study abroad office before applying to EESA.

Are meals provided?

EESA does not provide daily meals as we recognize that each student prefers their own type of diet. Every student's apartment has a fully equipped kitchen. Farmers' markets and grocery stores are widespread throughout the city. In addition, students are encouraged to experience local cuisine at many inexpensive cafes and restaurants throughout the city. Kharkiv has a lot of dining options available with cuisine for every taste.

What about my spending money?

Students and their parents should decide on the personal spending budget. Ukraine is much more of a cash economy, than the United States. Credit and debit cards are not an accepted form of payment in most places. However, there are plenty of ATMs throughout the city and cash can be easily accessed that way. Students are encouraged to bring some cash (in US dollars) with them at least for the beginning of the semester. It is easy and safe to exchange US dollars into Ukrainian *hryvnyas* in one of many currency exchange kiosks or banks. Students, who plan on using American debit or credit cards while abroad, should check with their bank on international cash withdrawal policies and associated fees.

Will there be free time to travel?

Attending classes and academic field trips is mandatory to receive credits for your study abroad. Students may travel on their own during weekends or a midterm break – one week long for every semester.

When can I study abroad in my college career?

Once you have completed one semester/quarter at your academic institution, you may choose to study abroad any time. However, some schools have restrictions for freshmen and seniors. Everybody should check with their academic advisor.

Can I volunteer while I am abroad?

EESA encourages you to get involved in a local community. After you arrive to Kharkiv, the staff at the EESA Center will be happy to arrange some volunteer opportunities for you according to your interests.

How to Apply

- ◆ Create a MyEESA account at www.eesabroad.org to see what information you will need to gather and submit.
- ◆ Meet with your academic or study abroad advisor to learn about school policies, transfer of credit and school study abroad application deadlines.
- ◆ Apply for a passport if you do not have one already. It is required to have a passport valid for at least six months beyond the end date of the program.
- ◆ If you are planning to use financial aid, visit your financial aid office to discuss the transfer of your financial aid packet towards your semester abroad.
- ◆ Fill out and submit all application forms and request for your official transcripts to be mailed to EESA. Some forms can only be submitted through mail such as transcripts and forms that require signatures. Refer to the application checklist on page 16 for more information.

NOTE: All application forms do not need to be submitted at the same time. The review process begins once EESA receives your application form and the fee. However, the final acceptance decision cannot be made until all required materials are received by EESA.

Start your application process today!

Visit our website to apply online or print application forms.

To request the application packet sent to you through mail, please email us at info@eesabroad.org.

EESA Application Requirements:

- ◆ All application forms and materials need to be completed and received by EESA before the application deadline. *Refer to page 16 for application checklist.*
- ◆ Minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
- ◆ Good standing with your current university or college
- ◆ A passport that is valid for at least 6 months beyond the end date of the program
- ◆ Any required visas must be secured. Visa information packet will be mailed to admitted students.

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Program Fees

Fall Semester	
Tuition	\$8,850
Housing	\$2,714
Health insurance	\$180
Russian Federation Visa fee	\$131
Total EESA Program Fee	\$11,875

Spring Semester	
Tuition	\$8,850
Housing	\$2,714
Health insurance	\$180
Russian Federation Visa fee	\$131
Total EESA Program Fee	\$11,875

What's included:

- tuition
- housing
- academic field trips and orientation
- meet and greet at the Kharkiv International Airport
- official transcripts
- registration with local authorities
- medical insurance
- cultural immersion events, including occasional tickets to theaters, museums, circus or concerts
- tours within the Kharkiv region
- access to the University library, gym and other facilities
- Internet and computer access at the EESA Kharkiv Center
- visa fee for the Russian Federation
- full support by the EESA Center in Kharkiv

What's not included: airfare, meals, cell phone usage fees, personal expenses.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

Financial aid and scholarships that you are currently receiving may be allocated to cover all reasonable expenses of your study abroad trip. These include program tuition and fees, passport and visa fees, round-trip airfare, and other costs of living abroad. Students are encouraged to consult with their financial aid office and to fill out a FAFSA application as soon as they decide to study abroad. Federal Pell grants, Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants, Federal Perkins Loans, and Stafford Loans can be used towards financing your semester abroad. Some schools may have different policies on transferring a financial aid package to a term abroad. Only a school's financial aid office can provide current information about these policies.

EESA Scholarships

EESA believes that studying abroad can be the most beneficial time of a student's life; and we are committed to making it affordable for everyone. Students who have applied to study abroad with EESA are eligible to apply for one of the EESA scholarships. Students must be currently enrolled in a college or university and have their official transcript mailed to EESA. To apply, students must meet a minimum GPA requirement and answer a scholarship question with an essay one to two pages long. Scholarship applications can be submitted online or through mail to: EESA, P.O. Box 204, Edwards, CO 81632.

EESA merit-based scholarship:

Amount: \$500 to \$1,000

Minimum GPA: 3.25

Scholarship Question: Describe your academic and personal achievements, why you want to study abroad, and how it will influence your personal and professional growth.

EESA need-based scholarship:

Amount: up to \$1,500

Minimum GPA: 2.50

Scholarship Question: Evaluate your budget for studying abroad and describe why you want to study with EESA. Describe your goals and expectations and how completing a study abroad program will influence them.

EESA scholarships are limited and students are encouraged to apply for a scholarship as soon as they decide to study abroad with EESA. Scholarship funds will be applied towards EESA tuition and will be reflected on the final EESA invoice.

EESA Scholarship Application Deadlines:

Fall Semester: **March 1**

Spring Semester: **October 15**

EESA Early Confirmation Discount

Students who make their confirmation payments early will receive a discount off their tuition. This special discount is applied automatically if EESA receives students' confirmation payment prior to the following deadlines:

Fall Semester discount is \$300: Deadline – March 1

Spring Semester discount is \$300: Deadline - October 15

Application Checklist:

PLEASE NOTE: All application materials must be completed and received by EESA before the application deadline.

- Application Form (submit online or mail)
- Housing Questionnaire (submit online or mail)
- Personal Essay for students with GPAs below 2.8 (submit online or mail)
- Apply for EESA scholarship – *optional* (submit online or mail)

The following items cannot be submitted online and must be submitted through mail:

- \$80 application fee in the form of money order or check made payable to Eastern European Study Abroad
- Official transcript from every school you have attended since high school (submit a request to the Registrar office)
- A photocopy of your GED high school graduation certificate (you may scan and email it to info@eesabroad.org)
- A photocopy of the front page of your passport (for faster processing, please scan your passport and email it to info@eesabroad.org)
- 8 passport size photographs of the applicant taken within the last 30 days
- Advisor Approval Form
- Personal Recommendation Form filled out by your professor or advisor if your GPA is less than 2.8 on a 4.0 scale

Mail your application materials to:

**Eastern European Study Abroad
P.O. Box 204
Edwards, CO 81632-0204**

Program Application Deadlines:			
Term	Priority Admission	General Admission	Early Confirmation Discount*
Fall Semester	February 15	April 1	March 1
Spring Semester	October 1	November 1	October 15

*Refer to page 15 for more information about the Early Confirmation Discount

To download the application forms, please create a MyEESA account at <http://eesabroad.org/registration>

To request the forms sent to you through mail, please email info@eesabroad.org



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