

Prague, Czech Republic



**Central & East European Studies (CESP)
Fall or Spring Semester**



Host university:

University of Economics, Prague

Capital City:

Prague, Czech Republic

Prague, located in the heart of Europe, is the capital of the Czech Republic and the center of the country's political, economic, social and cultural life. Many visitors find this city one of the safest, most beautiful and exciting cities in Europe and therefore it has become one of the most popular travel destinations along with Budapest and Krakow.

Apparently Prague is not just a favorite destination for the millions of tourists, but also for the majority of students in the Czech Republic, who have rated it as the most popular place to study in the country.

Prague is also one of the oldest capitals in Europe and includes three historical quarters as well as its varying architectural styles, making it absolutely unique. The two most prominent historical landmarks of the city are the Prague Castle and the Charles Bridge. The Prague Castle was founded around 880 and is recognized as an UNESCO World Heritage Site. It consists of a composition of palaces and ecclesiastical buildings of various architectural styles and is the largest coherent castle complex in the world.

Host University:

The University of Economics, Prague (Vysoká škola ekonomická v Praze - VŠE) is the leading university in the field of management and economics in the Czech Republic. With more than 19,000 students attending courses each year, the university boasts an academic staff of 650 as well as about 500 non-academic staff.

The Central and East European Studies Program (CESP) was founded in 1992 as a semester and/or year round program. Courses are taught in English for both undergraduate and graduate level students. VŠE is a member of the AACSB and many other international organizations.

All courses have been fully accredited by the Academic Accreditation Committee of the VŠE.



Academic Program

(Fall or Spring - 14 weeks)

Program fee includes:

- Tuition = 28 ECTS credits (12 US credits)
- Registration fees
- Information package and course materials
- 4 academic courses
- Free use of computer labs and libraries on campus
- Transcripts from VŠE

The CESP semester program is offered at the University of Economics Prague (VŠE) and is a one or two semester program held in English. The program focuses on issues such as Central and East European economies, societies and cultures. The aim of the program is to offer foreign students something they cannot receive from their home universities: the opportunity to reside in and experience the dynamic, exciting conditions in Central Europe through professional insight and instruction by native Czech professors and business professionals. Students can learn a lot about living in Central Europe, everyday life in the Czech Republic and to get to know Czech culture and habits.

Courses

All courses are taught in English. Subject areas include economics, management, marketing, politics, trade practices, law, philosophy, history and culture. Students choose at least three and a maximum of four courses. Each course consists of 4 teaching hours per week and 28 classroom units total. (1 classroom unit = 2 x 45 min.)

Academic areas include:

Undergraduate and graduate levels

Business	Globalization
Czech Language Courses	International Relations
Cultural History	International Finance
Cross Cultures	Management
Economics	Marketing
European Integration	Philosophy
Environment	Political Science

Course lists are published:

Fall semester	April
Spring semester	October

It is recommended to look at course lists from the previous academic year to get a feel for which courses will be offered in the corresponding semester of the current academic year.

For a complete course list and descriptions, please contact: programs@cepa-europe.com

Transferable Academic Credit:

Upon successful completion and regular attendance of the course, each student will receive a transcript and earn 28 ECTS credit points (= 12 US credits) through the University of Economics. The amount of transferable credits is at the discretion of your own university regulations. Please check with the academic advisor at your college or university.



Cultural Activities

Taking part in the cultural activities and field trips during the semester is an important part of being a student at CESP and gaining practical knowledge about the Czech Republic. A variety of field trips to famous Czech cities connected with excursions to famous firms, cultural field trips, and hands-on experiences are included in the program, for example:

- Weekly field trips to explore the great city of Prague and the surrounding area to gain a first-hand insight in this beautiful city and region
- Trip to Karlovy Vary
- Visit of the famous glass factory Moser
- Excursion to Český Krumlov
- Visit of the Budvar brewery
- Visit of the spa city Mariánské Lázně
- Additional field trips and excursions as decided for each semester's itinerary

Trip to Berlin is included!

• 3 day/2 night trip to Berlin, Germany:

Includes a round-trip train ticket from Prague to Berlin, a public transportation pass for Berlin, shared accommodation at a youth hotel, breakfast daily, an on-site CEPA coordinator will accompany the group, a guided walking tour of Berlin and tour of The Story of Berlin (an exhibition and history museum).



Buddy System



The ESN VŠE Buddy System is an Erasmus Student Network organization that facilitates the social life of foreign students in the Czech Republic. Students from abroad pair up with a

Czech student who will help them to settle more easily into the new environment. This service is included as an integral part of your program.

Housing & Meals

Student accommodation is included in the program fee. Students will be housed in the VŠE student residences which are located about 20 minutes by tram from the university building. The two modern four-story buildings are situated on the campus at Jarov, the Prague 3 district and are easily accessible by public transportation.

Students can dine in the student cafeterias located on the university premises or in the residence area. Hot meals usually include a cup of soup, a main dish and a drink.



Transportation

Your personal "Czech Student Buddy" will pick you up at the airport and help you get settled into your accommodation

Students receive a public transportation pass for the city of Prague for the duration of the program.

International airfare for this program is also available through CEPA. Please contact us for a quote.

On-site coordinator

An on-site CEPA coordinator will be available to you during the program for assistance and will meet with you regularly.

Students receive a cell phone to use for the duration of the program. *(calling time is extra, phone needs to be returned at the end of the program)*

Insurance

Optional:

International travel insurance covering health, medical evacuation, repatriation, lost luggage & third party liability can be booked directly through CEPA for an additional fee of \$15 per week.



Internships:

For those students who would like to extend their stay in Europe to gain hands-on, international experience in a company or organization, CEPA offers customized internships in Germany for an additional fee. Foreign language skills are not a requirement.



Financial Aid:

Most forms of financial aid, scholarships and loans may be used as payment. Applicants need to request prior approval from CEPA for a payment deferral and ensure that the deferral form is completed and approved by the home university's financial aid department.

Program Fee \$ 6,695

Tuition and program as described are included in the fee.

Not included: International airfare, passport expenses, insurances, meal expenses, or any other personal expenses.

Dates (approximate)

Fall Semester: mid-September to mid-December

Spring Semester: beginning of February to mid-May

Admission requirements

- Must be at least 18 years old
- A minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA (on a 4.0 scale)
- In good academic standing on home campus

How to apply

Download the application form from www.cepa-europe.com

Complete and return forms according to appropriate deadlines.



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