LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE DESIGN BUILD
PROGRAM IN CROATIA
September 14 - November 24, 2014

Department of Landscape Architecture
University of Washington Seattle, Washington
Landscape Architecture Croatia: Design/Build

Location: Rab, Croatia
Department: Landscape Architecture
Program Dates: September 14 - November 24, 2014
Estimated Program Fee: $5,600
Credits: 12
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Application Deadline: April 13 2014
Information Session(s): February 18th 12 pm and March 7 12pm, Gould Hall Room 142

Program Description

The Fall Croatia Design/Build 2014 Program offers students a unique service learning opportunity on the spectacular island of Rab, on the north Adriatic coast of Croatia. Students will collaborate with our partners, Rab Psychiatric Hospital and their staff, administrators, and patients to expand the design of a dementia garden as part of a master plan for a therapeutic campus initiated in 2012. Gathering areas, planting beds, rehabilitation elements, wandering gardens, seating and viewing areas, and sensory gardens will be included in the project. The process will be formed around the collaborative model of inclusive design, which will be informed through time spent with staff, doctors, therapists, and the director of the Rab hospital. Each student will take on individual responsibilities during the various phases of the project. The rapid pace of both the design and construction will require a deep level of commitment and responsibility, resulting in tremendous individual and communal rewards. Students will have classes in graphics, site design, and construction documentation, and will experience how the community design process informs a successful and responsive design solution. In the building phase, students will be taught the principles and methodologies of construction, how to use tools, calculate materials, and estimate costs. While many parts of Croatia remain traumatized by recent ethnic conflict, this part of Croatia was not directly affected. The hospital, however, treats many patients suffering from PTSD, violence, and depression resulting from the conflict.
Rab is located close to the great Croatian cities of Zadar, Rijeka, and Split, as well as the natural wonders of Plitvice Lakes and the Adriatic coast. It is easily accessible from Zagreb, the capital of the Croatia, by ferry and bus. These accessible places, many of which are world heritage sites, offer unique opportunities to explore site building styles and techniques including vernacular stone building, wood carving, and stone paving. These are just a few of the highly developed crafts found throughout Croatia that the participants will explore. Croatia has rich and varied geographical features, extensive rocky coast, pine forests, and arid mountain ranges. The most spectacular natural wonders in the country are the cascading limestone pools at Plitvice Lakes National Park, one of two world heritage sites we will visit. Plitvice Lakes is also where the first fatality of the recent genocide occurred in the mid 1990’s. This is some of the background through which we will explore the culture and history of Croatia. There will be a field trip to Zadar, a walled city that hosts a major glass museum and internationally recognized public art works, including the Water Organ. We will also visit Split, the site of Diocletian’s Place and a second world heritage site. We will explore Eastern Croatia and Slavonia through trips to Vukovar, the site of the first genocide of the recent war, and Osijek, a city with renowned secessionist architecture and design.

By living and working in and with the host community of Rab Hospital, traveling through Croatia and meeting local academics, professionals, and students, participants will gain a deep and profound understanding of the beauty, complexity, and challenges faced by this part of the world. Our guides will offer insights into the local culture and its history and we will participate in local cultural celebrations and events. By working inside this unique psychiatric hospital, students will witness and experience how open spaces and nature are used to achieve therapeutic benefits and increase the well-being of the patients.

**Location**

Rab, Croatia

**Housing**

The housing will be in buildings supplied by the hospital. Housing during the field trips will be in hostels and apartments.

**Academics**

**Pre-Requisites/Language Requirements**
Advanced undergraduate, graduate and non-matriculated students in landscape architecture, architecture, anthropology, fine arts, and other fields may apply. Program emphasis is on (but not limited to) students who are preparing for professional careers in environmental design and construction disciplines, international non-profit activism, social justice, and public health, with an emphasis on community development. Participants are selected on the basis of high scholarship, academic preparation, motivation, and emotional maturity. Students will work with the client and faculty to build an “interactive landscape.” Students will learn the skills of small site design and construction detailing, management, and community participation.

There are no prerequisites for the course. However, there is a competitive application process to apply for the program. Students should be comfortable working and studying in a different country and with those from other cultures. They should be self-confident, self-motivated, and comfortable working in groups and individually.

**Credits**

12 Credits

**Courses**

**LARC 503: Community Design Studio (6 credits)**

Design as social and community action. Service-learning studio with emphasis on the role of design in community building and place making in urban neighborhoods. Exploration of the social, economic, political, and physical dimensions of urban design. Application of methods and approaches in citizen participation, community actions and political process.

**LARC 403: Cultural Studio (6 credits)**

Studies of the landscape at various scales and in diversified contexts. Offers better understanding of visual components of landscapes, designer’s capacity to evaluate and change these components, and resultant interaction with and effect on the landscape user. The focus of this course is to design with sensitivity for unique cultures and how to incorporate their values and views into the end product. Students will learn participatory design and collaborative design techniques and methods and develop observational and documentation skills.

**LARC 322: Landscape Materials (4 credits)**

This introductory course, the second of three in the construction sequence, will focus on the traditional and innovative use of materials, many of which offer more sustainable options. Students will learn construction methodologies and material properties and layout, detail development, construction administration, cost estimating, and specifications.

**LARC 411: Landscape Graphics (3 credits)**

The course introduces fundamental hand-drawn graphic conventions, drawing techniques, and media used in environmental design. The emphasis is on building drawing and media skills that support design ability development. The course is taught with a variety of techniques including lectures, demonstrations, display of examples, drawing from slides, and in-class workshops.
Program Directors & Staff

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Program Expenses

Cost:
Estimated Program Fee of $5,600, the UW Study Abroad Fee ($300), airfare, food (about 20 $ day on non work days), UW Study Abroad Insurance ($40/month), other health expenses/immunizations and personal spending money.

Average Airplane Ticket Price:
$1,700-$2,000* roundtrip
*Subject to when & where you buy your ticket

Payment Schedule
Program fees will be posted to your MyUW student account and can be paid the same way that you pay tuition and other fees. Check your MyUW Account periodically for due dates.

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Orientation
To be eligible to study abroad, all program participants must attend an in-person pre-departure orientation facilitated by the UW Study Abroad Office. (student’s from non U of WA Universities can do an on line orientation) You are also required to attend all program-specific orientations offered by your Program Directors.
You must register for orientation through your online study abroad account in order to attend a scheduled session. You can visit the orientation section of our website to view the current orientation schedule.

Orientation must be completed prior to the enrollment deadline for the quarter that you are studying abroad.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

Most forms of financial aid can be applied to study abroad. You can verify that your financial aid award will apply to your program costs by contacting the Financial Aid Office. Financial aid or scholarships awarded as tuition waivers or tuition exemptions might not apply so you will need to verify that these funds are eligible for use with study abroad by contacting the funding office.

Financial aid and most scholarships are disbursed according to the UW academic calendar (at the beginning of the quarter). If your program starts before the start of the UW quarter, your financial aid will not be available to you prior to your departure. If your program starts after the first day of the quarter, your financial aid will be disbursed at the start of the program. In either of these cases, you will have to finance any upfront costs such as airfare, health insurance and the start of your time abroad on your own. Please take this into consideration when you are making plans.

Revision Request:

In some instances you may qualify for an increase in your financial aid award (typically in loan funds). Check with the Financial Aid Office about your options. To request a revision in your aid, you will need to submit the following paperwork to the Financial Aid Office:

1. Revision Request Form
2. Budget of student expenses for your program: The UW Study Abroad Office will upload this budget to your study abroad account after a signed contract has been submitted to the UW Study Abroad Office. You can request an unofficial copy of this budget by emailing ipe@uw.edu.

Visit the Finances section of our website to learn more about disbursement, revising your aid package, short-term loans and scholarships.

Application Process

The application includes a Personal Statement, three short answer questions, two faculty recommendations, and electronic signature documents related to UW policies and expectations for study abroad. Following the on-line application process students may be contacted by the Program Director for an in-person interview. Once an admission decision has been made regarding your application, you will be notified by the study abroad system via email.

Disability Accommodations

The University of Washington is committed to providing access and reasonable accommodation in its services, programs, activities, and education for individuals with disabilities. To request disability accommodation for this program, contact Disability Resources for Students at least 8 weeks in advance of your departure date. Contact info at Disability Resources for Students.

Withdrawals

$350 of the total program fee and the $300 UW Study Abroad Fee are non-refundable and non-refundable once a contract has been submitted, even if you withdraw from the program. Students withdrawing from a program are responsible for paying a percentage of the program fee depending on the date of withdrawal. More details about the
withdrawal policy are included in your payment contract. No part of the program fee is refundable once the program has begun. The date of withdrawal is considered the date (business day) a withdrawal form is received by the UW Study Abroad Office. Notice of withdrawal from the program must be made in writing by completing the following steps:

1. Provide notice in writing to the Program Director that you will no longer be participating in the program for which you have signed a contract and accepted a slot.
2. Submit a signed withdrawal form to the UW Study Abroad Office, 459 Schmitz Hall.

Visit the Withdrawals section of our website for more information.