



2011 JANUARY TERM ABROAD

Perceiving Islam in Turkey

January 3-28, 2011

Itinerary

Twin Cities Departure	01/03	Cappadocia/Konya	01/13
Istanbul Arrival	01/04	Konya/Pamukkale	01/14
Istanbul/Mardin/Urfa	01/06	Pamukkale/Izmir	01/15
Urfa/Gaziantep	01/08	Izmir/Bursa	01/19
Gaziantep/Adana	01/10	Bursa/Istanbul	01/20
Adana/Cappadocia	01/11	Istanbul/Twin Cities	01/28

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Price: \$4,875 - \$5,175*

It is no mere coincidence that President Obama chose Turkey as the first Muslim country to visit and as a site for an important address to what gets referred to as the Islamic world. As it seeks its soul, its identity, between the European Union and the Islamic world, Turkey is both a battleground and a learning ground. New York Times reporter Stephen Kinzer declares that it is poised to be "the most audaciously successful nation of the twenty-first century." Turkey stands in a pivotal position, with the Bosphorus Bridge its great symbol of the geographical, political, and social spanning of both Europe and Asia. Islam is central to both the political significance and the mystery of Turkey. For centuries visitors have been struck with wonder at its remarkable tauheed, or unity, and yet with fear of religious fundamentalism. This course familiarizes students with the basic beliefs and practices of Islam in Turkey, including worship, family life and intellectual and artistic traditions. We will perceive Islam from both "insiders' perspectives" (reading the Quran and works on the Prophet Muhammad and challenges facing Muslims in contemporary Turkey), and from "outsiders' perspectives" (reading British, American, and secular Turkish writers who describe imagined or lived experiences of Turkey and of Muslims). Site visits in Istanbul include mosques (such as the stunning Blue Mosque and historical Eyup Sultan Mosque), churches (Armenian and Greek Orthodox), and the justifiably world-famous Hagia Sophia, Topkapi Palace, and Grand Bazaar. This course will follow chronologically the true beginnings of Islam in Turkey, by traveling first to Urfa, the birthplace of Abraham; Adana, home of St. Peter Cave Church; Cappadocia, famous for its rock houses and formations; Bursa, home of the Green Mosque; Izmir, once ancient Smyrna; the

Christian ruins of Ephesus and Pergamon; and culminating in modern day Istanbul. To experience Turkish friendship we also engage in interfaith and intercultural dialogue over dinners in the homes of local families.

Comprehensive Fee Includes: Transportation and course arrangements as indicated, hotel accommodations in twin and triple rooms, continental breakfast daily. (subject to change)

Prerequisites: At St. Thomas, THEO 101 and a 200-level Theology course, plus the core requirement in writing (at UST, this is ENGL 111 and 112 or 190).

Required Readings:

Khaled Abou El Fadl, *The Place of Tolerance in Islam* (selected chapters)
 Karen Armstrong, *Muhammad, A Prophet for Our Time*
 Seyyed Hossein Nasr, *Islam: Religion, History, and Civilization*
 Marmaduke Pickthall, *The Meaning of the Glorious Qur'an* (selected readings)
 Stephen Kinzer, *Crescent and Star: Turkey Between Two Worlds* (selected chapters)
 Coursepack of Readings

Evaluation:

Attendance	20%
Academic Journal	40%
Final Essay	40%

*Each home institution may have supplementary fees in addition to the price listed.

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Dr. Ozdemir is a native of Turkey and has taught Koranic studies since 1976. He has also taught Islam for the last six years at the University of St. Thomas. Dr. Ozdemir taught the course nationally and internationally, in pluralistic settings, such as UCC seminaries, as well as St. Thomas. He also taught for 25 years at 9 September University, in Izmir, Turkey. Dr. Ozdemir is a native of Turkey, and lived there for fifty years. Dr. Ozdemir led two UMAIE Courses on Islam to Turkey in 2009 and 2010.



Dr. Muse is an associate professor of English with a specialty in British Romantic literature and drama. Her current research focuses on connections between drama and tourism about Greece under the Ottoman Empire, and she has taught travel writing and cultural criticism in her UMAIE study abroad course "In Byron's Shadow: Romanticizing and Realizing Greece" (2004, 2006, 2008, 2010). Dr. Muse also was a co-instructor with Dr. Ozdemir on the 2009 UMAIE course, Islam and its Influence in Turkey.





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RULES AND PROCEDURES

NEW ORIENTATION PROCESS. SEE COURSE ORIENTATION SECTION BELOW.

Since 1964, UMAIE has offered unique opportunities for cross-cultural study during January Term and starting in 2005, May/June Term. UMAIE, a consortium of colleges and universities, cooperates to provide the educational depth and resources necessary for an intercultural curriculum.

This year UMAIE offers courses in many locations around the world including: The Americas (North), Europe (Western, Central, Eastern, Northern and Southern), India, South Africa and Turkey.

APPLICATION AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS — Applications and required documents are available via the UMAIE website (www.umaie.org). Applications are accepted between **April 16 - October 4, 2010**. When applying for a course, please submit the following to your campus UMAIE Board Member:

- Three copies of your completed application.
- One copy of your valid passport photo & signature page OR if you do not have a passport, a copy of your passport application. (Actual submittal of your passport application to a passport agency is not required until acceptance into a course. Please visit <http://travel.state.gov/passport/>.)
- One copy of your January Term Abroad Agreement.
- One copy of your unofficial transcript.
- One deposit check in the amount of **\$400** made payable to **Seminars International, Inc.** (All checks will be cashed upon receipt. Returned checks will be assessed a service charge of **\$50**.)

*UST students please see your study abroad website (www.stthomas.edu/studyabroad) for application procedures.

No application will be considered without **ALL** the required signed documents, copies and deposit as listed above. If you have any questions please contact your campus UMAIE Board Member.

SELECTION PROCESS FOR APPLICANTS — Faculty Directors will review and screen each application to ensure all prerequisites are met, and that equal access is given to students from all consortium schools. **For applications received by April 16th, the UMAIE Secretariat will notify each participant via e-mail by May 7, 2010**, to inform if applicant is: 1) accepted into the course; 2) on a waiting list; 3) not accepted into the course. Please be aware that if you are placed on a waiting list, your deposit check will still be cashed upon receipt. In the event a course is filled or cancelled due to low enrollment, students are contacted regarding a second choice. Students who choose not to transfer to another course will receive a full refund. **LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

PASSPORTS, VISAS AND IMMUNIZATIONS — All applicants must send a copy of a valid and signed passport to their campus UMAIE Board Member upon acceptance into a UMAIE course (if one was not turned in with application). **Passports must be valid at least six (6) months beyond your return date.**

If your course requires a visa it will be stated in the course description. A country specific visa application will be sent to you 1-2 months prior to departure.

Information regarding recommended and/or needed immunizations can be found at the CDC website: www.cdc.gov/travel/. If you are traveling to a destination that requires an immunization, the UMAIE Secretariat will inform you in a timely manner. Additional information regarding passports, visas and immunizations is available from your campus UMAIE Board Member.

COMPREHENSIVE FEE — Per person course prices are based on a minimum enrollment for each course. Every effort is made to operate the program at the stated price range. However, if fewer students enroll, costs may be increased or the course cancelled. **NOTE:** UMAIE reserves the right to adjust prices due to dollar devaluation, fuel surcharges and general inflation.

The comprehensive fee includes round-trip air transportation from Minneapolis-St. Paul to the course location; airport transfers; visas (where required for U.S. citizens who meet the visa application deadline and have the correct accompanying documentation); transportation to most course activities while abroad; lodging, primarily in twin or triple rooms in hotels, pensions, university dormitories, or family homes (where indicated); continental

breakfast daily (exceptions noted on individual course descriptions) and other meals as indicated; tickets for required cultural performances; planned excursions; and administrative costs (however, individual institutions may assess additional charges). **When rail passes or entrance fees are included, they are based on the utilization of youth rates (25 years or under), and a valid University ID will be required to be presented at the entrance. Any additional amount incurred will be the participant's responsibility.**

EXCLUSIONS — Personal expenses are the responsibility of each individual participant. Examples include but are not limited to: passport fees; airline checked baggage fees; excess baggage fees; local public transportation; departure taxes (except U.S.); optional entertainment and excursions; beverages, including those available at group meals; individual room service charges; travel insurance; porter's fees; laundry and dry cleaning; telephone and fax; personal gratuities; transportation to and from the course departure city.

FINAL PAYMENT — Accepted applicants are notified of the final price during the last week of October. Students at Gustavus Adolphus College will bring their final payment to their International Education Office on or before Monday, November 1. Students from Elmhurst College will bring their final payment to their Student Accounts Office before Monday, November 1. Students from all other institutions will have their fees billed to their student account.

WITHDRAWALS AND REFUNDS

- No cancellation fee for students withdrawing on or before **September 15, 2010**.
- A **\$400** cancellation fee is withheld for students who withdraw between **September 16 and November 1, 2010**.
- A refund for cancellations occurring after **November 1, 2010** is based upon recoverable costs. The **ENTIRE COURSE COST** may be forfeited.
- **If cancellation occurs 30 days or less prior to departure, there will be no refund. Trip cancellation insurance is recommended for students with pre-existing medical conditions.** This insurance must be purchased at the time of registration. Please discuss this with your UMAIE Campus Board Member.
- If a course price increases by more than 6% (due to general inflation or lower enrollment) a student may cancel without penalty.
- No refund is given to students who wish to omit portions of the course.
- **NOTICE OF CANCELLATION MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO YOUR CAMPUS UMAIE BOARD MEMBER.**

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS — are secured by Seminars International, Inc., 33 West Monroe Street, Suite 1160, Chicago, IL 60603-5303, (800) 541-7506, TRAVEL@semint.com. Applications are processed by the Minnesota office, 21530 Vernon Avenue, Prior Lake, MN 55372, (952) 440-1338, kathy@semint.com. Participants desiring additional information may contact Seminars International Inc., or visit their website - www.semint.com.

COURSE ORIENTATION — will include an on-line exam during the month of October; a webinar on-line meeting in November and an in-country orientation session upon arrival at your first destination. **PARTICIPATION IS MANDATORY.**

DEVIATIONS — Course prices are based on group air arrangements. The air carrier may assess a service fee for individual changes. Not all airlines allow deviations on group reservations. In addition to the airline service fee(s), an additional fee must be paid to Seminars International, Inc. as follows: before **October 4, 2010 the charge is \$75; from October 5, 2010 until November 1, 2010 the charge is \$125. After November 1, 2010, no deviations will be accepted.** Deviation requests must be made in writing to the Chicago Seminars International office via fax (312) 332-5509 or email TRAVEL@semint.com. Once the deviation has been booked, any changes may incur additional costs. Students who deviate are responsible for providing their own transportation to or from the actual course location abroad.

Faculty Directors are not expected to provide assistance. Students from Augustana College and Elmhurst College will receive further information on possible connecting flights upon acceptance.

UMAIE MAY CANCEL COURSES DUE TO:

- Low enrollment
- Faculty withdrawal
- Travel warnings issued by the U.S. Department of State

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