The University of Wisconsin-Madison Conflict and Culture program in Rovinj, Croatia is offered by International Academic Programs (IAP) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. This IAP Program Handbook supplements the IAP Study Abroad Handbook and provides you with the most up-to-date information and advice available at the time of printing. Changes may occur before your departure or while you are abroad.

Questions about your program abroad (housing options, facilities abroad, etc.) as well as questions relating to academics (course credit and equivalents, etc.) should be directed to International Academic Programs at UW-Madison.

Contact Information
On-Site Program Information
Your primary contact in Croatia will be Professor Tomislav Longinovic, the Program Leader. You can call him Toma. He will be a Visiting Professor at Harvard in Spring 2016, but you can always contact him through the email below or schedule a phone/Skype conversation if needed.

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In case of an emergency, call the main IAP number (608) 265-6329 between 7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; after-hours or on weekends call the IAP staff member on call at (608) 516-9440.

Embassy Registration
All program participants who are U.S. citizens must register at the U.S. Embassy before departure as this will help in case of a lost passport or other mishap. You can register on-line at https://travelregistration.state.gov. If you are not a U.S. citizen, register at your home country’s embassy or consulate.

U.S. Embassy in Croatia
Ulica Thomasa Jeffersona 2
10010 Zagreb
Croatia Telephone: 385-1-661-2200
Website: http://zagreb.usembassy.gov/

Program Dates

Students arrive in Rovinj, Croatia: Sunday, May 22, 2016
Course begins: Monday, May 23, 2016
Course ends: Friday, June 17, 2016
Students depart from Rovinj, Croatia: Saturday, June 18, 2016

Preparation Before Leaving
Besides reading the rest of your Croatia program handbook, please be sure to read the IAP Study Abroad Handbook. This handbook contains information essential to your success on an IAP study abroad program, as well as answers questions commonly asked on cultural, academic, and health issues.

Immigration Documents
Passport
A passport is needed to travel to Croatia. Apply immediately for a passport if you do not already have one. Passport information and application forms can be found on the U.S. State Department website (http://travel.state.gov/passport). If you already have your passport, make sure it will be valid for at least 6 months beyond the length of your stay abroad.

Visa
No visa is required for U.S. passport holders for stay up to 3 months. Students from other countries should check with the Croatian Embassy in the United States about whether a visa is required.

At the present time, no vaccinations or immunizations are required for entering or leaving Croatia; however, we strongly encourage you to make a travel clinic appointment with your doctor before leaving on the program. Visit the CDC website at (http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/Croatia) for the most recent information on inoculations and health precautions that should be taken for visitors to Croatia.

Handling Money Abroad
The Croatian currency is the kuna (plural form is kune, pronounced ‘koo-neh’). For the latest currency exchange rates see [http://www.oanda.com](http://www.oanda.com). Note that as Croatia receives many visitors from the Eurozone, it’s fairly common to see prices displayed in euro as well.

Banks in Rovinj are generally open Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 3.30p.m. to 7.30p.m. There is a wide number and variety of ATM bank terminals available 24/7. ATMs are widely available throughout the country. Check the symbols on the machine to see that they match the symbols on your card before you start. In large cities there are Automatic Foreign Exchange Machines that take all forms of currencies, but they may charge high commissions. When using a bank debit card, you will generally receive better exchange rates and lower fees than if you take cash advances from your credit cards. The ‘Zagrebacka banka’ ATMs accept Eurocard/Mastercard, and ‘Euronet’ ATMs accept Visa, American Express, and Diners Club. Be sure to check with your ATM/debit card provider for any international transaction fees or transaction limits.

All major credit cards are recognized and accepted in most hotels, shops, and restaurants. Stickers in the front windows will advise you as to which cards are accepted.

See your IAP Study Abroad Handbook for more suggestions on handling money while abroad.

**Tipping**

Hotels and restaurants generally include a 10-15% gratuity on the bill. Ushers in the cinema, theatres and taxi drivers also expect a 10% tip. For drinks at cafes, round the bill up to the nearest kuna amount.

**Travel and Arrival Information**

**Arrival Information**

You are responsible for making your own travel arrangements, which includes arranging flights that will allow for appropriate arrival time for the course start date. There are several airports which students can fly into: Trieste (Italy); Zadar, Rijeka or Zagreb (Croatia); or Ljubljana (Slovenia). We recommend flying into Trieste, as it is the closest (120 km) to Rovinj, and it seems to offer the most available flights. Although you are welcome to fly to Croatia on your own, we encourage you to arrange flights with other students on the program and travel together.

We expect students to arrive on site no later than May 22 (the day prior to the first day of the course). You will have to leave the United States on May 21 to arrive in time. Prior to May 22, you will need to arrange your own accommodations, if you choose to arrive early.

You may consider using a local travel agency to help you in finding available airplane tickets.

**From the Trieste airport to Rovinj:**

This our suggested option. The transportation from Trieste to your residence in Rovinj will can be handled by our tour provider, Uniline, for a fee of around 20-25 euro per person (1.5 hour bus ride). You will be sent more information about the optional airport transfer later in the semester.
and will be required to commit to the transfer no later than about a month before the start of the program (late April). You will be able to pay the cost of the transfer ahead of time by credit card. This transfer is optional, and is therefore separate from your program fee.

The transportation from Rijeka would be an intercity bus (2.5-3 hour ride). You would need to find your way to the Rijeka Bus Station and purchase a ticket to Rovinj. The ticket cost is approximately $25.

The transportation from Ljubljana would be similar, but the bus ride may take longer, depending on the type of bus. In most cases, it will take 3-4 hours. Again, you will need to find your way from the airport to the Ljubljana Bus Station. The ticket cost is approximately $35.

**Packing**

All manner of clothing is possible in Croatia, within the limits of decency and good taste.

You are expected to dress in a respectable manner when visiting churches and monasteries. In order to enter a church, women are expected to wear skirts that fall below their knees and shirts that, at a minimum, cover their shoulders. Men should likewise wear pants and sleeved shirts. Do not enter a church barefoot. You may see tourists entering churches with far less clothing than is required, but this is considered extremely offensive.

Suggested items to pack:
- darker clothes that do not get as dirty as quickly
- **comfortable** walking shoes
- slacks and jeans
- shirts and blouses
- underwear, socks, t-shirts
- clothes with pockets
- dress clothes (if you wish to go out in the evening)
- sweaters or jackets for cool evenings/mornings
- an umbrella; a collapsible one is easier to handle
- light rain gear
- insect repellent
- Band-aids
- Kleenex
- wash cloths
- travel alarm
- mouthwash/toothpaste
- shampoo
- feminine hygiene items
- necessary prescription medications
- inexpensive hair dryer
- contact lens solutions
- suntan lotion/sun blocks
- swimming suit
Electronics
Electrical current is 220 volts AC, 50 Hz. Most plugs have two round pins. We recommend that you pack an adapter together with your electrical appliance, so that you do not have to spend valuable time looking for adapters and transformers during your stay.

The Academic Program
The Class meets 11-2 MWF on the ground floor of the Center for Historical Research in downtown Rovinj.

Center for Historical Research – Rovinj
(Centro di Ricerche Storiche di Rovigno)
Trg Piazza Matteotti, 13
Rovinj 52210, Croatia

Conflict and Culture: The Case of Istria
This four-week University of Wisconsin-Madison faculty-led program, titled Conflict and Culture, explores the relationship between violence and the formation of national identities in the unique cultural setting of Istria. Starting with the origins of European "vampire plagues" which emerged in the areas of intense cultural contact between different civilizations during the 17th and 18th centuries, the seminar provides insight into the lesser-known areas of cultural history of Europe and its relationship to the formation of national identity. Focusing on the historical traumas caused by the war and ethnic strife, the seminar examines specific ways for resolving the conflict and developing tolerant notion of shared culture. The course is conducted in Istria, one of the "border zones" which is presently located in the Republic of Croatia, a meeting place of Slavic, Italian and Germanic cultural traditions. Students will be based in Rovinj, a beautiful museum-city on the shores of the Adriatic sea.

Rovinj was an island until the 17th century when the narrow channel separating the city from the mainland was filled to accommodate the growing population of the area as a naval and mercantile outpost of the Venetian Republic. The area has a rich historical legacy due to the constant exchange between Slavic, Latin, and Germanic cultures. The residents of Rovinj are multilingual and of mixed ethnic makeup. Croatian and Italian are used interchangeably and due to tourism and its border location, many of its residents also speak German and English. Istria is an excellent setting for UW-Madison students keen on studying a variety of topics, from literature to politics and anthropology.

The seminar format will emphasize an interactive and interdisciplinary approach, with a minimum of lecturing from the seminar leader and local anthropologists, sociologists and cultural activists and a maximum of discussion and immersion into the culturally diverse context of the Istrian peninsula. The activities will include field trips to the archeological sites from Roman times, as well as to the more recent monuments from Venetian and Austro-Hungarian periods. The struggle
for memory between the "official story" and the alternative ones will also be presented in class. Special attention will be paid to the emergence of dialogue between different cultures in the region. Students will be required to keep a dialogue journal of their experience in and out of class. This journal will be the basis for the grade for the course, along with presentations on class readings, participation and in-class discussions.

Credits
You will earn four (4) credits for this course. A number of course equivalencies have been pre-approved, including options in Slavic Languages and Literature, Political Science, Sociology, and International Studies. Graduate students may also choose Slavic 755. Students will choose one course equivalency that will be posted to their UW-Madison transcript.

Grades and Grade Conversions
The course will be graded on the UW-Madison grading scale.

Living Abroad
Climate
The interior of northern Croatia has a continental climate, while the coast enjoys a Mediterranean one. Central, semi-mountainous and mountainous regions, as well as the entire Adriatic coast, have a mild and sunny climate. Spring and autumn are mild along the coast, while winter can be cold and snowy in central and northern regions. It is very likely that the weather will be summer-like, with occasional showers and long sunny spells during this program.

Housing at Golob Apartments
Students will stay in individual apartments in Golob Apartments. The amount of students in each apartment will vary, from 2 to 6. Each apartment is equipped with a private bathroom, and the larger apartments have 2 bathrooms to accommodate everyone. Breakfast and dinner will be provided in the nearby restaurant Maslina restaurant. Most locations are within about 15 minutes walking, including the Center for Historical Research, which is where class is held.

Golob Apartments
Michelea Fachinetti 3
Rovinj 52210, Croatia

House Rules:
1. No outside visitors allowed on premises (especially not overnight)
2. No noise after midnight (if you are coming late, be careful not to wake up everyone else)
3. Lock doors behind you, especially during the night. If you lose your keys you will charged a replacement fee for each key.
4. Laundry is available on the premises. Please be sure to conserve resources and do full loads of laundry rather than individual items.
5. Bedding will be changed once a week. If for any reason you need a new one before, let the director or our hosts know.
6. Turn off the lights and A/C when you are not in the room. Electricity is expensive in Croatia, so do not run the A/C when the windows are open.
7. Please keep your room as tidy as you are reasonably able to.
8. Restaurant Maslina (Olive) where you eat is close to the housing, make sure to be there at the appointed breakfast and dinner time. You will have a two hour window for both breakfast and dinner.

Restaurants and Food
There is an abundance of good restaurants in all price ranges. The food is influenced by Mediterranean cooking (seafood, pasta, pizza), as well as by Balkan cooking (grilled meats, salads, breads). There is an abundance of bread and pastry shops, which offer burek, a Balkan filo dough specialty. Local fast food is similar to American fast food, yet of tastier variety.

Maslina restaurant will provide breakfast (8.30-10.30 a.m.) and dinner (6 p.m. -8 p.m.), which are included in the cost of the program. Maslina is quite close to your lodgings, at:

Maslina Restaurant
Stjepana Radica 29
Rovinj 52210 Croatia

Shopping
There are plenty of tourist-type local souvenir shops, as well as more global shops. Prices are bargains in comparison to neighboring Italy, which prompts many Italians to shop in Croatia during the weekends.

Transportation
One of the advantages of the city is that it is easy to get around on foot. Cars are not allowed in the old part of the city, which makes it a pedestrian paradise. You can take taxis, and most of the fares to outlying locations are around $5-$10.

Safety
Keeping all your money in one place is not advised - guard against possible loss by leaving a small stash of money in your hotel room or buried in your backpack. Be sure to keep copies of important documents in a safe place in the case of theft.

Health Issues in Rovinj
Students should not forget to bring their sunscreen lotions along with their swimsuits, since sunburn can occur rapidly without protection. Also, a wide-brimmed sun hat is a good idea, as well as light raingear.

Communication
When making calls, keep time zone differences in mind. To make an international call to the United States, dial the access code for the country from which you are calling plus the United States country code (always “1”) followed by the appropriate U.S. area code and local number. To
call internationally from the United States, dial “011”, the country code, city access code (if necessary) and the phone number. Country and city codes can be found online (www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/dialing.html). Some of above steps can vary if you are using a calling card.

**Note on Everyday Culture:**
You will be surprised how much young people in Croatia are similar to the young people in the US. The influence of American popular culture will be more than apparent to you. Despite that, there are some cultural differences.

Language – Most of the locals can communicate some basic facts in English. Otherwise, apart from Croatian, many of them are bilingual in Italian, and speak German as a dominant language of tourism in the region.

Body language – The locals tend to speak with their hands as much as with their mouths. Also, there is more physical contact between people, which does not necessarily imply anything sexual. Previous program participants noted that men in Croatia express interest in women in a more open manner, and sometimes a bit more assertive way. Express clearly if this bothers you.

**Several useful phrases:**
- Bok/Čao – Hi (informal)
- Dobro jutro – good morning (formal), dobar dan - good afternoon (formal), dobra večer (good evening), laku noć (good night)
- Kako si (informal)? / Kako ste (formal)? – How are you?
- Hvala! – thank you!
- Ja sam Maria. – I am Maria.
- Kako se zoveš? – What is your name?
- Oprostite. – Pardon me. Excuse me.
- Gdje je Michelea Fachinettia 3? – Where is Michelea Fachinettia 3 (the address of your housing)?
- Gdje je restoran Maslina? – Where is restaurant Maslina (our restaurant)?
- Lijevo – left; Desno – right; pravo – straight
- Koliko košta…? – How much is it...?
- Jedan – 1, dva – 2, tri – 3, četiri – 4, pet – 5, šest – 6, sedam – 7, osam – 8, devet – 9
- Deset – 10, pedeset – 50, sto – 100, tisuća – 1000
- Hoću/Želim... – I want...
- Neću / ne želim – I don’t want...

**Useful phone numbers in Croatia** (+385 is regional code for Croatia that you need to add to any local number if calling from your American phones):
- Toma Longinovic +385 91 721 0691 – if there are any problems, please call me anytime.
- Emergency: (+385) 194
- Police department: (+385) 192
- Fire department: (+385) 193
- Help at sea: (+385) 195