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CEA Prague Center Academics Overview

CEA Prague Familiarization Trip
June 2017

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CEA-AAU Partnership



- CEA and Anglo-American University have a mutually exclusive partnership.
 - AAU has no other American study abroad students than those from CEA.
 - CEA Prague does not run its own courses or have students take courses at any other university.
- The mutually exclusive partnership fosters a strong bond and encourages open cooperation.
- CEA students attend courses with AAU degree-seeking students, who are international.
 - This is unique in Prague and indeed in study abroad.
- We get the best of both worlds:
 - Strong institutional support and integration with degree programs.
 - English-language, American-style academics.

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Czech Academic Culture



- Government-run state universities dominate.
- Charles University is the flagship.
- University students at state universities pay no tuition.
- University education seen as a right for those who can get in.
- Instruction is usually traditional: lecture-intensive, little student interaction, reliance on final exam.
- Exams are often individual oral exams.
- There are exceptions: private universities, technical universities, certain state universities.

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AAU at a Glance



- Oldest private university in the Czech Republic established in 1990.
- WASC accreditation from the U.S. and Czech accreditation.
- Management and instruction similar to an American university.
- Over 100 courses available for students each spring and fall.
- All instruction and administration conducted in English.



AAU Library

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AAU Academic Programs



- AAU offers bachelor's and master's programs in:
 - Business
 - Humanities & Social Sciences
 - Journalism
 - International Relations & Diplomacy
 - Law
- AAU's degree-program courses provide CEA students with an easier path to getting study-abroad courses approved at the home university.
- All academic programs are accredited by the Accreditation Commission of the Czech Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports.
- AAU as a whole is accredited by the Western Association of School and Colleges (WASC) in the U.S., a unique distinction.

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AAU Leadership



- Board of Trustees
- Board of Founders
- Supervisory Board
- Academic Council
- Provost, Deans, Department Chairs
- Petr Jan Pajas, MSc., President

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CEA Prague Academic Leadership



Dr. José B. Alvarez
CEA Senior Vice President
Academic Affairs and Initiatives

- CEA's top academic official
- Ex-officio voting member of the AAU Academic Council



Dr. phil. Lenka Vystrčilová
CEA Prague Academic Director

- Works closely with University academic leadership and administration
- External member of Provost Collegium
- Participates regularly in faculty meetings, academic workshops, guest lectures, etc.

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Academic Quality Assurance



CEA closely cooperates with all AAU academic units.

- Syllabi revisions and updates in light of CEA standards.
- Observation of classes and teaching methodology to provide feedback to faculty and academic staff.
- CEA reviews AAU course evaluation results and AAU considers CEA re-entry feedback.
- Workshops and other assistance for faculty on educating American undergraduate students studying abroad.

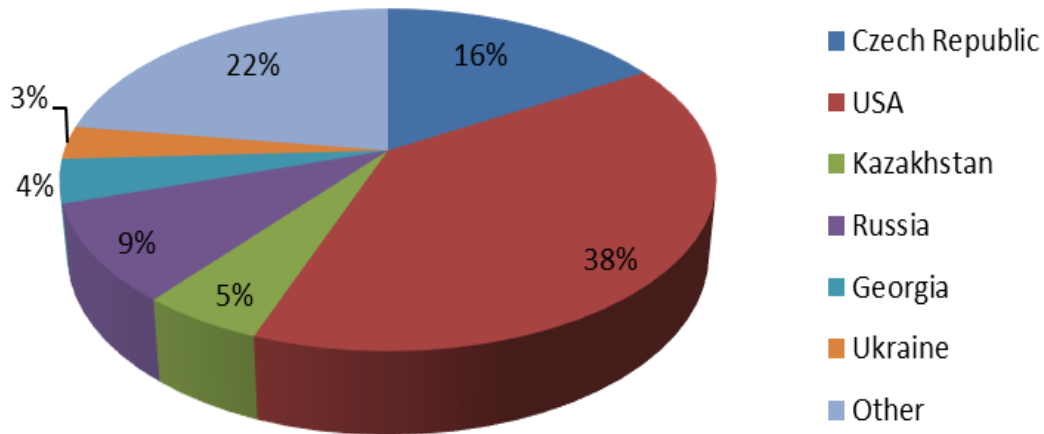


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AAU Student Profile



AAU Student Nationalities



- Small yet diverse student body from over 50 countries.
- About 500 degree-seeking students at one time.
- Average class enrollment is around 15 students.

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AAU Faculty Profile



- Faculty from about 20 countries
 - 45% Czech
 - 25% American
 - 35% other nationalities
- Faculty have a teaching-intensive appointment
- Faculty credentials: half Ph.D. and half Masters level
- Permanent and adjunct faculty

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University Support Services



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- Wi-Fi on campus
- Library for research and textbook provision (English-language)
- NEO Learning Management System
- Student Services Center
- Computer lab and student lounge
- Academic Tutoring Center
- AAU Student Council



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AAU Facilities



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CEA Programs

Program	Sessions	Program Summary
Full Curriculum (Fall and Spring) Anglo-American University	Fall Semester (Sept to Dec) Spring Semester (Feb to May) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12 credits required (4 three-credit courses)• 15 credits maximum	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All courses in English• Over 100 different courses offered at five schools• Same courses taken by degree-seeking students
Full Curriculum (Summer) Anglo-American University	Summer 9-week program (June and July) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 credits required (2 three-credit courses)• 9 credits maximum Summer 6-week program (mid-June to July) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 credits required (1 three-credit courses)• 6 credits maximum	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All courses in English• Variety of courses offered at five schools• Same courses taken by degree-seeking students
International Internship (Fall, Spring, and Summer) Anglo-American University	Summer 9-week program (June and July) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three-credit internship course• Internship course includes weekly seminar and 20 hours a week at the placement• Optional additional three-credit elective course Fall or Spring Semester (Sept to Dec or Feb to May) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three-credit internship course• Internship course includes weekly seminar and 10 hours a week at the placement• 12 credits required (3 three-credit courses in addition to internship course)• 15 credits maximum (4 three-credit courses in addition to internship course)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gain valuable international work experience• Begin developing a professional network• Enhance personal, career, and global competence skills• Portfolio of successful placements at partner organizations• Customized placements according to student needs

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CEA Student Profile

Recent popular courses for CEA students

- Psychology of Totalitarianism
- Business Ethics
- Operations Management
- Prague Art and Architecture
- Sociology and the Family
- Jewish Experience in Central Europe
- Prague Culture
- Corporate Finance
- Introduction to Marketing
- Introduction to Philosophy
- Business Law
- Comparative Religions

Recent average cumulative GPA of CEA students

3.2-3.5

CEA students
comprise about one-
third of AAU students
each term

Top Recent Majors

- Communications
- Business
- Finance/Accounting
- All other majors 5% of students or less

Largest recent sending universities

- University of South Carolina-Columbia
- University of Georgia
- University of Maryland
- University of Delaware
- Chapman University
- Syracuse University
- Indiana University Bloomington
- University of Massachusetts
- University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
- University of Wisconsin
- California Polytechnic State
- University-San Luis Obispo
- Miami University
- University of San Diego

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Student Experience



Pre-departure

- Synchronous academic advising sessions via Facebook.
- Semester Facebook group.
- Pre-departure information sent by email.
- Online registration for courses from the U.S. then add/drop period on site.
- Continuous access to CEA headquarters Site Specialist team.

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Student Experience



On Site

- Orientation Academics session given by Academic Director.
- Add/drop period: first two weeks of semester, online registration.
- Individual advising by Academic Director and AAU academic staff.
- Communication about deadlines for registration, withdrawal, early departure, etc.
- Academic Director and AAU academic staff address student questions and concerns continually throughout the semester.
- Special advising and support for students with special needs, low GPA, religious holidays, etc.

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Student Experience



Course Learning Experience

- Small classes: 25 maximum, many classes around 10 students.
- International students and faculty.
- CEA students study alongside degree-seeking students.
- Administration and instruction in English.
- Regular homework and major assignments during the semester.
- Fellow students who have different current and past experiences.
- Professors who are scholars and are active in the community.
- Active Learning.

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Active Learning

- Active Learning is proven to be a superior teaching method to classroom-only instruction in fields where such activities are possible.
- Depending on the specific course, the city of Prague itself can be an excellent teaching tool.
 - Art, Architecture, Culture, Arts, Literature, Jewish Studies, Music History, etc.
 - Also Business-course guest lectures and visits to local company sites: Skoda auto factory, Hewlett Packard manufacturing plant, Staropramen brewery, etc.
- More on this during the Active Learning Demonstration tomorrow.

Student Evaluations

- AAU conducts student evaluations of each course each term.
- CEA has access to AAU student evaluation results.
- Results:
 - Average of all “Instructor” and “Course” questions (17 questions total); scale from 1 to 5 (1 best); average for all courses with 5 or more CEA students.

Fall 2016	1.62
Spring 2016	1.57
Summer 2016	1.65

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Student Quotes, Fall 2016



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- *I think Prague gives a kind of experience unlike any other. I had a blast and was given the opportunity to learn more about myself and Europe.*
- *CEA was such an organized program and I always knew they could do their best to help me if I needed it.*
- *The CEA staff was super helpful and kind and was a great "middleman" between life and school at home and life and school in Prague once we arrived.*
- *If you chose CEA, you could not have picked a better program. They will help ease your stress and make arrival and adjusting easy.*
- *Hands down, studying abroad in Prague was the best experience and decisions of my life. For that, I have the CEA program to thank for introducing me to some of the best friends I've ever had and the best city I've ever experienced.*
- *Go with CEA. They will allow you to have the freedom and independence that you crave while abroad while also being there for you with whatever obstacles might come your way.*

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Questions?