POST-CONFLICT
TRANSFORMATION
KOSOVO
SUMMER PROGRAM

JUNE 19 – JULY 22, 2016
Experience the building of a newborn society after conflict and learn the stories of its people

Program Overview:
June 19 - July 22, 2016

The American University in Kosovo (A.U.K) Summer Program in Peace Building, Post-Conflict Resolution and Development teaches students the history, politics and economics of conflict situations in an environment that serves as a living example of the subject. The program will focus on the background of the Kosovo conflict of the late 20th century, the dynamic nature of security in the period following the fighting, and continuing challenges to post conflict transformation and development. Courses in areas such as war and peace in the Balkans, the role of the international community in conflict resolution, economic development in post-conflict areas, and journalism in times of crisis will be taught by former diplomats, journalists, and academic specialists who have hands-on experience in the crisis of the Balkans.

Classes include students from around the world sharing one thing in common: an interest in learning about the timeless issues of war and peace in a newborn country that is still recovering from violent conflict. The classroom experience will be further enhanced by day trips across the region, highlighting the rich cultural diversity of the Balkans.

An important part of the A.U.K Summer Program is the opportunity to travel to scenic and historic areas in the near-by Balkan countries. The Balkan Peninsula consists of the following countries: Croatia (1), Bosnia & Herzegovina (2), Slovenia (3), Serbia (4), Montenegro (5), Kosovo, Macedonia (7), Romania (8), Bulgaria (9), Albania (10), Greece and the European part of Turkey (Not shown on the map).

Program Benefits:
- Spend 5 weeks studying abroad in the beautiful Balkan region in Southeastern Europe.
- Earn 6 credits in distinctive coursework not available at RIT Rochester.
- Pay discounted tuition for 6 credits (students pay the Kosovo rate of tuition – 73% less than regular RIT tuition).
- Tour historic, cultural, and politically significant sites throughout the region.
- Participate in a one-week trip to either Albania, Greece, Macedonia or Montenegro, Bosnia, Serbia (includes hotel, fees, guides, transportation and meals).
- Study with renowned experts in the field of post-conflict reconstruction and development.
- Meet with senior government officials and civil society activists in the region.
- Develop new and lasting friendships with other students from over 45 countries.

Program Costs:
Tuition for two 3-credit courses $2,100
Program Fee $914
TOTAL PROGRAM COST * $3,014
* Note: An additional course fee of up to $750 applies if taking Documentary Projects in Kosovo course

Program fee includes:
- One week pre-study trip (transportation, lodging, meals & excursions)
- Accommodations in Kosovo
- Three meals a day (M-F)
- (Will be provided at the restaurant located on the A.U.K. Campus.)

Additional out-of-pocket costs estimated at $2,015 include:
- Airfare
- Airport transportation
- Transportation around Pristina
- Health insurance
- Visa costs
- Weekend meals

Housing & Meals:
Students will stay at a hotel conveniently located next to the A.U.K Campus in either single or double rooms. All rooms have wired internet access.

Check in date: June 18, 2016
Check out date: July 23, 2016

Courses Offered:
Students will learn to think strategically about the challenges associated with attempting to establish the rule of law in a society emerging from conflict and to understand and analyze international and regional issues from a variety of theoretical and practical frameworks and perspectives.

Students select two courses from five options available:

- **POL 205 Ethics in International Politics**
  This course addresses the role of ethics in international politics and covers themes, such as: humanitarian intervention, just war, human rights, mediation and the ethical role of international organizations, and non-state actors. Special attention will be given to thinkers who discuss the promise and limits of ethics in international politics and who give an account of the force of international law in establishing ethical norms throughout international political history. It will include observation of traditional forms of mediation in Kosovo, and feature a practical introduction to mediation.

- **ECON 448 Development Economics**
  The course deals with the economic and social development in post-conflict societies with a special focus on the Balkans. It will focus on the problems and challenges typically faced in developing and post-conflict countries, by exploring specific issues associated with economic development at the end of wars, historical causes of development gap between developed and underdeveloped countries, and the theories and the policies aimed at accelerating the rate of growth in LCDs. It also addresses the role of international organizations in the economic development of LCDs and post-conflict societies. It will survey the extensive literature and experience on modeling economic growth through relevant case studies from developing and post-conflict countries.

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Program Schedule:
Saturday, 06/18
Arrive in Pristina, Kosovo
Sunday, 06/19
Depart for week-long regional trips (Montenegro, Bosnia & Serbia OR Albania, Greece & Macedonia)
Saturday, 06/25
Arrive back in Pristina
Sunday, 06/26
Orientation and welcome lunch
Monday, 06/27
First day of classes
Friday, 07/01
Visit the President of the Republic of Kosovo
Saturday, 07/09
Day trip to Prizren and Prekaz Prizen is known for its unique beauty with preserved architecture that reflects the country's historic past.
Sunday, 07/10
Day trip to Peja, Decani, and Gjakova Peja is considered to be the best tourist destination in the country, with natural beauty of the surrounding mountains, historical monuments, and many craftsman shops.
Thursday, 07/21
Last day of classes
Friday, 07/22
Closing ceremony & barbeque with special guest speaker

KFOR, UNMIK, CiPol, local civil society and local business instructors will focus on practical skills, strategies and frameworks that can be applied to other conflicts and other missions. The course will be team taught by a group of three experts, and will be augmented by outside speakers drawn from the Kosovo community and other outside experts with experience working in Kosovo. A.U.K will work with local groups and organizations to build powerful documentary projects. No prior filmmaking experience required but access to an SLR camera is helpful.

Students can expect to be in class 2-3 hours a day with enough free time to explore Pristina and enjoy its vibrant culture, delicious seasonal fresh cuisine, concerts, museums, clubs and bars where you can experience the local community.

ITDI – 300: Handover Seminar - Documentary Projects in Kosovo

This interdisciplinary class will take students on an image making journey through the Balkan states. Students will work to research and develop projects in Kosovo and the surrounding region that explore the fascinating and dynamic political and social realities of this emerging country and its neighbors through the stories of the people who live there. Students will collaborate with the faculty and students from the American University in Kosovo (R.I.T./A.U.K) as well as other local organizations to develop communications projects that include audio, video and still photography. Students will work with local groups and organizations to build powerful documentary projects. No prior filmmaking experience required but access to an SLR camera is helpful.
ABOUT A.U.K.
The American University in Kosovo was founded in 2003 through a partnership between RIT and the American University in Kosovo foundation. The University has over 600 students and occupies a modern campus facility near the Germia Park area of Pristina – Kosovo’s capital city. Kosovo is an excellent environment to study a wide range of issues in development and policy, while at the same time engaging in a safe and fun learning experience.

NEXT STEPS:

1. Register on the Compass
   * Go to studyabroad.rit.edu and enter the Compass
   * Log in using your RIT username and password
   * Click on the My Profile tab at the top of the page
   * Fill out all the fields on each tab and click the SAVE button on each page.

2. Fill out an application for this program on the Compass
   * Click the “Search Programs” button and enter “RIT” as the Program Provider and enter AUK Summer as the keyword
   * Choose the result titled “AUK Summer Program: Post-conflict transformation”, click the Apply button and choose “Summer 2016”
   * Complete all the fields in the application; make sure that you click Save & Continue on each page to earn a green check mark indicating that you have completed that section of the application.
   * When you have collected all of your green checkmarks, on the last section called Review and Save, make sure to click SUBMIT.

3. Make an appointment with our Study Abroad Advisor
   Maureen Shannon by calling 585-475-4466
   or email global@rit.edu

4. Application deadline: April 1, 2016

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