



**Mentored Ministry 720
Travel Course
Counts as one hour of Wilmore
credit
June 6-15, 2022**



**Arad, Romania
Budapest, Hungary
Dr. Randy Jessen**

Advance reading and preparation:

All standard MM720 books will be required reading prior to travel

Students must watch the MM720 video on ethnographic research prior to travel

The group will connect and interact online at least three times through Zoom to build team relationships, prepare for the experience, and take care of all your questions.

Daily experience:

Each day will open with group devotions, early morning prayer and preparation for the experience that is about to unfold. The day closes with group gatherings for reflection and a time to debrief. Each student would also be required to keep a daily journal that includes reminders about the experience and images of seeing God in action. The evening sessions will also focus on our ethnographic style conversations related to individual discovery and our shared experience as a group. The focus would be on cross-cultural sensitivity, personal spiritual formation, and the ability to reflect personally and theologically on dynamic experiences.

In addition, we will have direct input, instruction, and insights from the following English-speaking academic and pastoral leaders in Romania:

Dr. Romica Iuga, PhD University of Bucharest: Dissertation ~ The Missionary Dynamics of The Contemporary Romanian Baptist Church. Affiliate member of the Faculty of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Bucharest teaching in the area of Missiology.

Dr. Ovi Dragan, DMin Asbury Theological Seminary: Dissertation ~ Biblical Preaching

Dr. Sorin Ignat, DMin Asbury Theological Seminary: Dissertation ~ Ministry Involvement: A Means of Retaining the Youth of Curtici Baptist Church

Total approximate cost per person ~ \$2200-\$2500.

As with any travel course, participants can often face an array of complex issues related to travel. In the age of COVID-19, this complexity is multiplied. Therefore, by signing up for this course and trip, the student affirms their acknowledgment that they are required to fulfill all course and travel requirements. While the leaders of the trip will do everything possible to ensure the trip is both safe and enriching, in the end the student is taking personal responsibility for their own personal health, safety and learning during the trip.

This trip is moving ahead based on current policies from both the countries of Hungary and Romania, as well as the CDC and federal government in the USA. However, if those policies should change (EVEN IF SUCH CHANGE OCCURS A DAY BEFORE THE TRIP IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE), the Seminary has the right to cancel the class. Any and all expenses are the responsibility of the student and not that of the Seminary.

Based on country requirements, all participants will have to have received the COVID-19 vaccine.

Draft Schedule (Subject to Adjustment)

Monday, June 6, 2022

Meeting as a group for check in for connecting flight

Tuesday, June 7, 2022 (Arad time ~ seven-hour difference from Wilmore time)

Arrive in Budapest with a 3-hour drive to Arad, Romania by airport van

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Visit Ana's House Christian group home for abandoned children (www.globalhope.org)

Visit Eden's House ~ Residence for 30 adults with disabilities

Visit the Orthodox Seminary in Arad for theological – cultural conversation

Evening worship at the Speranta Church in Arad

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Travel to Seven Springs Christian Camp to meet with pastors in the area

Visit Roman Catholic monastery in Lipova

Cultural conversation with Pastors Iuga, Dragan, and Ignat

Experience village life in Sistarovat

Participate in worship at various congregations

Friday, June 10, 2022

Travel to Sibiu and Cornatel to visit the United Methodist Church

Engage the cultural differences between Arad and Sibiu

Experience the House of Joy

Saturday, June 11, 2022

Meeting with area pastors for prayer

Relaxed day of shopping on the streets of Arad

Time for debriefing and ethnographic conversations

Sunday, June 12, 2022

Worship at Speranta Church in the morning (three hours)

Sunday lunch ~ a cross-cultural feast!

Discover Gypsy culture in the Arad area

Participate in the evening worship with Pastors

Monday, June 13, 2022

A day of discovery, recovery and ethnographic discovery as we prepare to depart

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Travel to Budapest, Hungary, early in the morning for a cultural tour of Budapest

Housing at the Ibis Hotel in Budapest

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

Fly out of Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport (BUD)

Arrive back in USA

Contact Debbie Mostad with your questions (mentoredministry@asburyseminary.edu).