



Cultural Enrichment Program

2025 Slovenia & Croatia

Eligibility and Application

Information

PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION CAREFULLY

Tentative Travel Dates: April 24-May 5, 2025 (Dates are subject to change)

Description

Visit Slovenia and Croatia, two countries that were once part of the former Yugoslavia. In Slovenia, while staying in the capital city of Ljubljana, students will attend a briefing at the U.S. Embassy, visit Ljubljana University's Smart Factory

In Croatia, participants will visit Zagreb, the capital city of Croatia, Split's UNESCO sites Plitvice National Park and Diocletian's Palace. Then, take a bus to Dubrovnik, an ancient coastal city, with a stop in Mostar on the Croatian- Bosnian - Herzegovina border and learn about the local history and life in the present and during the Bosnian War.

CONCENTRATION AREAS

BUSINESS CULTURE & INFLUENCE – Selected students will visit a multinational marketing agency to gain insights into marketing and advertising trends, development, and opportunities. Students will also learn about how local culture and consumer behaviors dictate the type of messaging for global brands.

DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES & OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT – Students will meet with an organization to learn about strategy and trends in operational management. Students will learn firsthand about what makes them a successful and how they are maintaining business all the while transforming and growing.

FUTURE TRENDS & INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES - Engage with industry experts to learn about how a global company is advancing investment opportunities in Croatia. Learn about investment trends and challenges to gain an understanding of future growth.

(PARTICIPATING STUDENTS WILL ENGAGE IN OVER 20 HOURS OF INTERNATIONAL ON-THE-JOB POSITION SHADOWING IN THIS PROGRAM)

Open to students to all GTC students that meet eligibility requirements.

Focus areas – Business Management, Information Technology, Marketing, Hospitality, Graphic Communications

To be eligible you must:

- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Be in compliance with department and college policies and free of disciplinary action or progressive disciplinary action.
- Have or be able to obtain a valid U.S. Passport by January 2025.

Additional eligibility requirements for STUDENTS:

- Be declared in a Gateway Associate Degree or Diploma.
- Have completed 6 credits.
- Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4-point scale) in declared programs.
- Be able to provide two (2) letters of recommendation from Gateway faculty members.
- Be available for an interview Fall Semester 2024.

Successful candidates should have the social maturity to represent the U.S. and Gateway Technical College abroad with dignity, respect, and accountability for one’s actions, work well in a team setting, and to be able to handle uncertainty with maturity.

If selected to participate you will be required to:

- Register for and successfully complete course International Biz-squad (3 credits)
- Meet all deadlines including payment deadline
- Participate in **MANDATORY** pre and post departure activities including **MANDATORY Orientations**
- Submit a signed Publicity Release form
- Submit a completed Medical/Emergency Information form
- We reserve the right to request additional health information from you and/or a statement from your health care provider verifying your health prior to departure
- Submit a copy of the front page of your passport
- Meet program requirements and comply with any applicable rule, code of conduct, regulation, instruction or law during the program. Noncompliance may result in expulsion from the program, forfeiture of fees, and **being immediately sent home at your expense**

How much will it cost? (all fees are estimated and subject to change) Includes: Airfare, some meals, transportation, standard hotel double occupancy rooms, and insurance.	\$2800.00 (EST)
Tuition	\$500.00 00 (EST)
Total:	\$3300.00 (EST)

Other costs to consider, passport \$145.00 and spending money

Financial assistance for Program Fees

- New, first time Global Scholars will receive **\$750.00** in funds from Gateway.
- Previous Global Scholars will receive \$500.00 in funds from Gateway.
- If you are eligible for financial aid, you may use it to pay tuition for the required coursework.

Fee payment schedule

- **\$80.00** Application and processing fee → ONLY refundable if student drops from program prior the start of the semester of classes. NON-REFUNDABLE after the start of the semester of travel. (Paid after acceptance into program at Orientation November 2024).
- **\$100.00** Flight reservation fee →Used to reserve airline seats for participating students. Applied to the accounts of participating students, usually a month before travel. NOTE,

THIS FEE IS NON -REFUNDABLE, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE STUDENT PARTICIPATES IN THE PROGRAM OR NOT.

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Course tuition and program fees

- Paid to Gateway and subject to the same payment and refund policies as other Gateway courses. See your student handbook or Student Services Center for further information.
- Student accounts must be current prior to departure.

Participants who drop from the program will be held responsible for any unrecoverable fees incurred by Gateway Technical College.

TO APPLY:

- Complete online application by October 31, 2024
- Obtain 2 online recommendations from Gateway Staff (you will need their email address, and let them know you are asking for a recommendation)

Whom do I contact if I have questions? Chinedu Obowu, International Education Coordinator at 262-564-2505 or obowuc@gtc.edu