



Armenia is a mountainous, landlocked country in the Caucasus, on the southeastern edge of Europe, and at the gateway to the Middle East, and all of Asia.

The present-day Republic of Armenia occupies only a fraction of the ancient Armenian Empire, which extended from the Black Sea to the Caspian Sea and to the Mediterranean Sea.



Akhtamar Church, X c. AD



Nekeisha Randall and Biblical Ararat



Garni Temple, 1 c. AD



Republic Square and Marriott Armenia

PROGRAM COST

The estimated cost of the program is \$2,100. This includes accommodations in Armenia, local transportation during the stay and field trips, airport transfers, three meals/day, visa, insurance, admissions to museums and language instruction (Armenian). Additional expenses not included are airfare, UGA tuition & fees (HOPE scholarship covers tuition and fees for eligible students), spending money for gifts, eating out, phone, laundry, etc.

Scholarships & grants are available. Please contact us for assistance with financial aid. *Non-UGA students* pay in-state tuition for study abroad programs. Please see our website for detailed info and applications.



Ehmiazzin Cathedral, 301-303 AD



The Iron Horse, contemporary artist

DATES & DEADLINES

- Application & deposit: March 1
- Balance of program cost: April 20
- Orientation: April (tba)
- Travel dates: Maymester

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INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS & RELATIONS ARMENIA & THE CAUCASUS

"Armenia was the California of Soviet high technology, the Italy of Soviet shoe manufacturing, the France of Soviet-made cognac."

- National Geographic, March 2004

UGA in ARMENIA is a 3 week study abroad & cultural experience program. It allows you to experience the rich cultural, religious and historical heritage of Armenia and expose to the geopolitical & economic developments in the post-Soviet transition economies.

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"I had more new experiences in Armenia than I've had my whole life."

- Alisha Santoorjian, Class of 2007, Univ. of Minnesota



Class of 2007 at the Khor Virab Monastery (VI c.) set against the backdrop of towering Mount Ararat

ARMENIA  Maymester 2009

ARMENIA

the country



The Republic of Armenia - acknowledged as one of the cradles of civilization - is a beautiful country with sophisticated people and a long and cultured history. It is one of the newly independent countries of Eastern Europe.

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Four thousand years of history tells a powerful tale of conquest, foreign domination and resurgence. Throughout it all, the Armenian people have sustained a clear sense of national, ethnic, cultural and religious identity.

Today's Armenia is just a fraction of the ancient Armenian Empire. Turn the historic clock back to the era of Julius Caesar's Rome, and Armenia is an empire under Tigranes the Great, whose empire extends from the Black to the Caspian Sea and the Holy Land.

The Armenian Plateau contains an endless chain of mountains, lakes hidden in the heights, mountain torrents and waterfalls, valleys, forests and isolated highlands. Among all these, Lake Sevan unveils itself with constantly changing colors.

After the break-up of the Soviet Union, Armenia has chosen the path of the democratic governance and the free market economy. It is working hard to fulfill the promises of democratic and market oriented reforms aimed towards integration within the European Community and the global economy.

Armenia's strategic location at the heart of the Caucasus and on the crossroads of Europe and Asia, as well as its renowned and powerful Diaspora in U.S. have played key role in development of U.S.-Armenia relations since its Independence in 1991. The newly opened U.S. Embassy in Armenia is one of the largest U.S. foreign missions in the world. The U.S. Mission in Armenia currently includes the U.S. State Department, the United States Agency for International Development, the Department of Defense, the Department of the Treasury and the Department of Agriculture.

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the coursework

COURSES AND CREDITS

- up to 6 credit hours

- AAEC 4910/6910

International Agribusiness Marketing & Management: Focus on Armenia

- AESC 3150

Topics in International Agriculture

- Others from designated departments

see syllabus in website for more info

TOPICS

- International Business

- Regional Geo-Politics

- International Affairs

- Economics of Transition

- Armenian History & Culture

- Development trends in the Caucasus

- Armenian language (beginner)

- Service Learning

- Habitat for Humanity projects

- youth development projects

- local orphanages & rural schools

Travel Dates: Maymester '09 (May 10-June 3)



Yerevan - Capital of Armenia, is an old and at the same time rapidly developing modern city whose roots go back to pre-historic and ancient times. It was established in 782 BC and predates the "Eternal" City of Rome by more than two decades.

Today's Yerevan is a thriving city, which offers the unique experience of the past and the present. Its authentic architectural designs, museums of traditional and contemporary art, high-end local and European boutiques, variety of Armenian, Russian, European, Middle Eastern, Mexican and Asian restaurants, modern discothèques and terrace cafes, make the experience in Yerevan unforgettable and thrilling.



The Host University - The Agribusiness Teaching Center, is a unique and the only such program in the entire Caucasus and the former Soviet Union that offers Western-style education. It is a collaborative project between Armenian State Agrarian University, Texas A&M University and USDA / www.icare.am/.

COUNTRY INFORMATION

For more info please explore:

- www.ARMENIAinfo.am

- www.HAIAS.net

- www.CILICIA.com

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the program

The program begins with an orientation at the University of Georgia campus, after which the students will spend 21 days in Armenia. The group will be located in Armenia's capital, Yerevan, and will make frequent daily field trips to various parts of the country. Accommodations will be provided at the Yerevan State University's Guest House.

The field trips will include visits to international, governmental and non-governmental organizations (the Parliament, Government, World Bank, IMF, U.S. Embassy, UN and EU Missions) and domestic businesses (world known Yerevan Brandy Company, Artashat Cannery, Getnatun and Areni Winery, diamond cutting and processing plants, export-import enterprises, and more).

As an important part of the program, the students will be exposed to the Armenian culture, language and history through various seminars, visits to the historical and contemporary museums and monuments (Christian churches and Pagan temples), most of which are more than 1000-1500 years old.

Daily activities will be enriched through evening social gatherings and cultural events as well as exploration of Yerevan's more than 200 open air terrace cafés, authentic ethnic restaurants and discos. Spring is the perfect season for relaxing while listening to Armenian, jazz, and classical music in Yerevan's many renowned concert halls as well as the monumental Cascade.

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information

FINANCIAL AID

Various scholarships and grants are available through the Office of International Education, International Public Service & Outreach (Community Engagement Fellowship) and designated departments.

HOPE scholarship recipients are eligible to use their scholarship for UGA tuition and fees.

Please, contact us for additional information and assistance on financial aid.

WHAT OTHERS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE

"I was for the first time in Armenia in September 2004 and I fell in love with and in Yerevan. I came back for Christmas and remained for 20 beautiful days. This is truly a wonderful land!"

- A Yahoo! User from Brussels, Belgium