Study Abroad in Turkey with UWEC in Summer 2012
Program Summary

UWEC students again have the opportunity to participate in an academic adventure in Istanbul, Turkey as we build on the success of the first year of the program. This study abroad opportunity is time- and cost-effective for all majors. It receives financial support from Blugold Commitment and, by integrating spring semester GE courses with a summer immersion experience, it is ideal for students who want to graduate without delays. More importantly, under the guidance of UWEC faculty, it is a chance to travel highly aware and intellectually and socially prepared to take full advantage of the study abroad in a way that will make it a meaningful part of each student’s life beyond graduation.

**Preparation for the immersion** into Turkish environment, life and culture will begin in the spring semester, when participants will take IDIS 355 (3 cr. GE-V). This interdisciplinary course is designed to help students gain the maximum value from their immersion. It is an opportunity to get to know your fellow travelers and prepare intellectually and practically for the time in Turkey. Students have the choice of taking 1-3 credits of GE-V for the summer immersion experience.

**The immersion (May 23- June 21) begins with 2 weeks in Istanbul,** where we will intensively study Turkish language basics and begin to understand contemporary life in this historic city at world crossroads. Students will visit markets, museums and world heritage sites, learn to negotiate the public transportation system, carry out small research projects, job shadow, and become comfortable in the vibrant bustle of modern Istanbul as they study its multiple layers – from its early Byzantine history, through its Ottoman centuries to its Republican present. We will take a long weekend trip to Thrace, in Northern Greece, to experience the intersection of Ancient and Modern Greece with the remnants of Ottoman Turkey. Around fifty percent of Komotini still speaks Turkish.

**The second half of the immersion will involve extended travel** outside of Istanbul, to places like the Black Sea city of Ereğli – named after the mythical Hercules – and explore ancient sites of the Black Sea and central Anatolia, such as the early Christian monastic complex of Cappadocia. These give an opportunity to examine Turkey’s regional cultural and environmental variations.

**For more information**, including how to apply and the cost, see [www.uwec.edu/cie/studyabroad](http://www.uwec.edu/cie/studyabroad) and search Outgoing programs for Turkey. Students interested in participating are encouraged to contact professor Paul Kaldjian and to monitor program information through [www.uwec.edu/kaldjian/1Courses/turkey/index.htm](http://www.uwec.edu/kaldjian/1Courses/turkey/index.htm).