

Eligibility

The Romania semester is available to students at any college or university who have completed two semesters of college work and achieved a minimum GPA of 2.5.

Application Process

The Romania Semester Program application is online and consists of a study abroad application form, three recommendations (two from faculty members, one from a resident director), and an academic transcript. Non-NWC students must fill out a guest application to NWC and be accepted before applying to Romania Semester. More information is available on: www.nwciowa.edu/study-abroad/romania-semester.

Program Costs & Financial Aid

The program fee is the same as NWC on-campus costs. It includes tuition for 16 credits, in-country transportation, housing/home stay, most meals or meal per diem, orientation, and all program excursions and retreats. Participants will need to cover books (est. \$100-\$150), passport and pictures, airfare, required wilderness excursion gear, immunizations/vaccines, international insurance and individual travel and spending money, among other items. NWC students: all applicable NWC financial aid applies. Non-Northwestern College students should contact their own college's financial aid offices.

Deposit

Upon acceptance into the program, a \$250.00 deposit (cash or check made payable to NWC) will be required to hold a participant's spot. This deposit will be applied to the final program fee.

Disclaimer: All information in this brochure and program specific details are subject to change. Please contact the GEC with questions.

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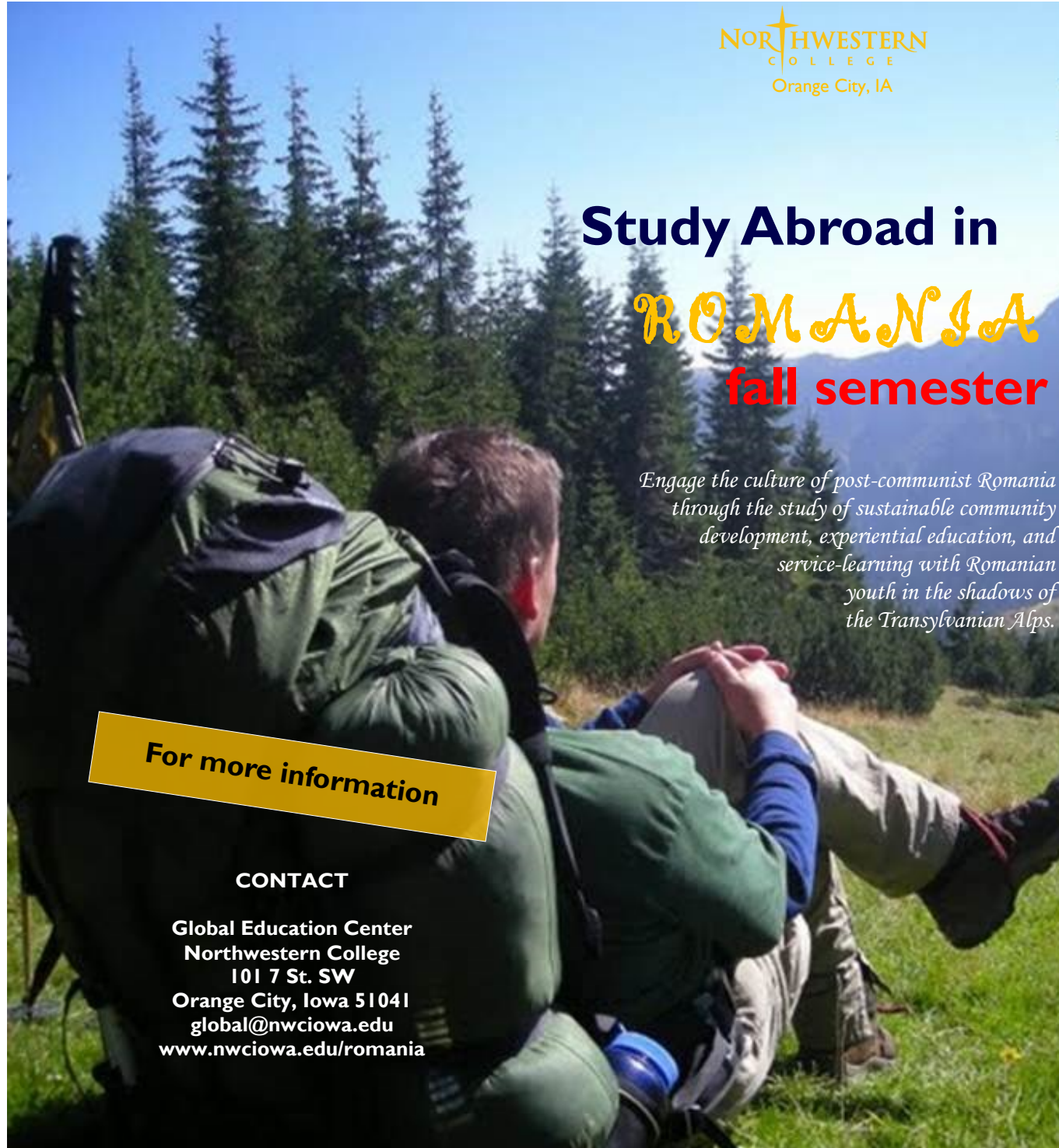
ROMANIA fall semester

Engage the culture of post-communist Romania through the study of sustainable community development, experiential education, and service-learning with Romanian youth in the shadows of the Transylvanian Alps.

For more information

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Romania Semester Program

- **Lupeni, Romania**
- **Fall semester (late August—early December)**
- **Four courses:**
 - ◇ Romanian Culture, History and Language (4 credits)
 - ◇ Eastern Orthodoxy (4 credits)
 - ◇ Sustainable Development (4 credits)
 - ◇ Experiential Education: theory and practice (4 credits)

Description & Location

Northwestern College, in conjunction with the New Horizons Foundation of Romania, is pleased to offer a unique semester experience engaging the culture of post-communist Romania. Participants will spend much of their time in the city of Lupeni, located in the southeastern area of Romania, approximately 200 miles from Bucharest, the capital of Romania.

They will explore this magical and deeply moving place through study of Romanian culture, history, and language, Eastern Orthodoxy, and sustainable development theory. Students will have the opportunity to live with a Romanian host family and engage Romanian youth through various service-learning projects. The program will be group oriented, and include excursions, a mountain backpacking trip, and homestays with Romanian families.

Faculty & Staff

Dr. Dana Bates will serve as the primary faculty member for this program. He is the founder and executive director of New Horizons Foundation based in Lupeni, Romania, and holds a Ph.D. degree from Oxford for Mission Studies and University of Wales. Other faculty and staff members include NHF program personnel as well as various Romanian scholars and international researchers. Janelle and Felipe Silva, NWC graduates, serve as the on-site program administrators.

Course & Credit

All participants will take four courses: Romanian Culture and History, Eastern Orthodoxy, Sustainable Development, and Experiential Education. Northwestern College will grant 16 credits upon completion of the program, which will include meeting the general education cross-cultural requirement, as well as equivalents of elective courses in several majors. Please see Dr. Boryana Dobreva for more information.

Housing & Meals

Participants will spend part of their time in Romania living with Romania host families, one of the best ways to experience local culture and language. When not living with the host families or on a retreat, participants will be housed in dormitory style housing provided for by the program. Generally, all meals will be provided either by host families or the program (via a per diem or in group meals). Students will camp and make their own food during the Retezat backpacking trip.

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All students must complete all pre-departure requirements to participate in NW study abroad programs. This includes attending your country-specific pre-departure orientation. There are no exceptions. Further details and dates will be confirmed upon acceptance into the program.

Transportation

Current plans have students flying as a group roundtrip, Omaha or Sioux Falls—Bucharest. Generally, all in-country transportation costs will be covered by the program or via a per diem. NWC will arrange group tickets from Omaha, NE or Sioux Falls, SD. Non-NWC students will be provided specific instructions in a timely manner.



Passport & Visa

For U.S. Citizens, a passport is required for travel to Romania. Participants are responsible for applying for and obtaining their own passport. American citizens are allowed to visit Romania without a visa for a total of 90 days within 6 months from their arrival. The program will assist with obtaining a temporary residency permit (permis de sedere) once on-site. Complete information on entry/exit requirements for Romania is also available at http://romania.usembassy.gov/acs/romanian_visas.html.

Vaccinations & Health Information

The program **requires** that participants have up-to-date tetanus and diphtheria (Td) vaccinations and receive Hep A vaccinations. Other immunization decisions should be made in consultation with your personal physician. Specific health threats for visitors to Romania and Eastern Europe include traveler's diarrhea among others. Please visit the Center for Disease Control (www.cdc.gov) for more information.

International Insurance

All program participants must purchase separate international travel insurance that will provide basic medical, medical evacuation and repatriation coverage (app. \$120). Further details will be provided upon acceptance into the program.