The summer program begins with an eight-day social justice tour to the Balkans and ends with a four-day environmental trip to the Italian Alps. These trips are included in the total cost of the summer program.

**Balkan Social Justice Tour:** The tour will be a review of the peace and reconciliation initiatives in the region. It brings students to the homes of local Croatian and Bosnian families who share stories of the lives during the 1990s war and their visions for the future. This is a unique opportunity to meet face to face with local activists, religious leaders and United States diplomats working in a region that is rich in history, exploding with a vibrant arts scene, and is abundant in natural beauty comparable to America’s Rocky Mountain region or the Caribbean’s pristine waters. Former summer participants consistently rate this journey as the most dynamic and memorable experiences of their college lives.

**Travel Destinations**

**Croatian Coast:** The Dalmatian Coast is consistently rated as one of the world’s most scenic destinations. The coast consists of 1,185 islands with pristine waters. The Dalmatian villages are alive with nightlife amid ancient Roman ruins.

**Dalmatian Organic Farm:** Three nights will be spent on an organic farm and vineyard in the Croatian village of Imotski. The area is known for its scenic beauty, deep lakes, natural forests and the largely unexcavated archeological sites of the Illyrians.

**Mostar, Bosnia-Herzegovina:** Mostar was the most heavily shelled city in all of Southeastern Europe, during the wars that followed the break-up of the former Yugoslavia. To this day, the city remains divided between Catholics and Muslims.

**Sarajevo, Bosnia:** Muslim minarets are now predominant in a town where Muslims, Jews, Orthodox Christians and Catholics once lived in harmony. In the 1990s this was a city and people on the edge of annihilation, but today it has become a favorite travel destination.

**Italian Alps Environmental Studies Trip:** The closing tour will include construction work on a medieval house in a high mountain village that is being brought back to life. The trip will balance work and play with hiking in the high Italian Alps near the town of Domodossola. Family meals will be served throughout the weekend by our hosts who direct the Canova Restoration Association. To learn more about the work of the Canova Association, visit: http://url.shc.edu/summerservice
3-Credit Course Offerings
(only one course may be taken)

Art History 311: Renaissance to Modern Art
Philosophy 214: Environmental Ethics
Theology 261: World Religions
Italian 101: Elementary Italian
(class meets 4 hours per day)
Italian 381: Intermediate and Advanced Italian
Social Science 295: Human Rights and Global Change (service learning – 30 to 100 service hours)
Students will be placed in local non-governmental organizations (NGOs). Bologna is a destination point for immigrants fleeing wars and revolution across the Middle East, sub-Saharan Africa and other regions of conflict. The summer service-learning option offers a unique opportunity for students to work alongside immigrants while gaining an academic insight into some of the most challenging human rights issues confronting Italy today.

6 1/2 Week Program
* Students interested from other institutions who have a conflict with their academic calendar should inquire about our flexible start dates.

May 11: Arrival Day in Bologna
May 12: Bologna Orientation
May 13-20: Social Justice Tour to the Balkans
May 21 – June 21: Classes in Session
June 22-25: Italian Alps Trip
June 26: Residence Hall Closes

Fees:
Tuition $1,250
Room and 1/2 Board $2,000
Travel Fee $2,000
Comprehensive Fee $200
Total $5,450
*does not include airfare to and from Bologna

Summer Refund Policy: Students who withdraw from a class prior to the start of the session will not be eligible for a refund. The last possible date for withdrawal and a refund of tuition, housing and travel fees will be April 30, 2013. In the unlikely event of political turmoil or a natural disaster in the region, resulting in the cancellation of a travel program, a partial return of funds will be provided.