

LEHIGH IN PRAGUE

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Frequently Asked Questions for LIP '12 (ver. 3, 10-4-11)

1. I'm not applying for a practicum, do I still need to provide my resume?

Resumes are required for ALL students applying (not just those applying for a practicum). This will be the main source of background information about each student for the faculty.

2. What is the difference between an "internship" and a "practicum?"

Lehigh in Prague offers only course credit (CSB 314) for a practicum.

A practicum is supervised closely by a faculty member to ensure that there is a clear connection to the student's academic program, at a level commensurate with his/her previous course work, background and ability. There are clear deliverables requiring a high level of academic rigor and applicability to the specific sponsoring company that the student must demonstrate, both to the company and the supervising faculty member.

At Lehigh, an internship is any work experience that can be taken for academic credit, offered by a specific department; many do not have any possibilities for such an activity to receive academic credit. There may only be minimal connection to the actual subject(s) of the sponsoring department and level of the student's recent course work.

3. When is the application deadline and when will I find out if I've been accepted for a practicum?

The due date for all applicants to be fully considered for LIP12 (Lehigh in Prague 2012) is **December 9** (by close of business for the Study Abroad Office – 5:00pm that day).

We will contact all of the students applying for a practicum by the end of final exams with the results of the selection process – accepted for a practicum, on a waiting list, or not accepted.

4. How are the students selected for the practicums?

Selection criteria include the match with student's academic program(s)-(major/minor), previous experience (summer/part time job or experience) skill set, GPA, stated interest (e.g., on the resume as their objective for the program), time of application submission (earlier has preference over later submission).

5. What about the possibility of an independent study course?

Any independent study course must be approved by the supervising instructor (Hall, Barsness, Kalafut) before the course can be registered during the spring term. This approval requires prior discussion with the instructor and an agreement from him/her about the required deliverable end product of the course. Students may indicate this preference on the application to allow quick submission of the application, but cannot assume that it will be approved without further discussion.

6. Should I choose more than 1 option of courses?

Students should indicate their first (=1) or second (=2) course pairs.

If necessary, the enrollments in CSE 252 and MGT 372-11/ECO 371-10 will be balanced with caps of about 18 - 20 students per course (assuming that the program achieves its target enrollment of 40 participants). This means that those applying earlier will more likely get their first choice of these two courses.

7. Can I request a specific firm for my practicum if I am accepted?

There cannot be a guarantee of any specific practicum firm, only that the firm's requirements will match the student's background and capabilities as much as possible. The exact firms and student placements for LIP12 will not be known until Profs. Hall, Barsness, and Kalafut return from their trip to Prague (probably over spring break in mid-March), on which they'll be working out the details with each firm.