Habitat For Humanity
- travel to Romania class

• Prep Class: **HUM 355** (2 cr),
  Spring 2020  MF 1-2.05pm

  ✓ Have completed the Habitat for Humanity online orientation
  ✓ Be able to clearly state what Habitat Humanity does, the needs it fulfills, the methods it employs, and the weaknesses and strengths of their approach
  ✓ Be able to travel to Romania, having completed all paperwork and procedures required in the Short Term Study Abroad Handbook and those required by the professors
  ✓ Be able to identify key events in Romanian history, including the influence of other cultures on Romanian food, music, architecture, and identity.

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- Help build a house with Habitat for Humanity Romania
- Be able to identify and reflect on the work Habitat for Humanity Romania serves in society (including its strengths and weaknesses), and the value and harms of international civic engagement.
- Practice skills such as interpersonal communication, critical thinking, resource identification, organization, research, creativity, and collaboration
- Apply intercultural competency in navigating a new culture.
- Synthesize research about Romania with personal experience, reflect on it, and communicate to others in reflective analysis papers or multimedia projects.
• **Week 1: Cultural Explorations**
  – Explore Bucharest
  – Transylvania Trip

• **Week 2: Habitat for Humanity Project**
  – Location: Berceni, Prahova
  – Accommodations made by Habitat (hotel and restaurants)
  – Includes Orientation & a Farewell Celebration for us

• **After:** You can come back to US or stay in Europe
HUM 355 (prep) + CIV/HUM 355 (travel)

• **Professors:**
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• **CE and IDP core requirements**
• **Visa requirements:** none if trip is less than 3 months
• **Safety:** level 1 (safest)
• **Estimated Costs:**
  – Lodging, food, travel (rent a mini-bus), etc: ~$1705
  – Habitat fee: $575
    » we are currently working on fundraising for this fee
  – Total Cost (not including airfare): ~$2280
  – Airfare: $1200-1700
Map of Europe and Romania
Week 1:
Bucharest and Southern Transylvania
Bucharest

- Modern and vibrant city
- Combines the old with the new
Downtown water fountains

Carturesti Bookstore

Romanian Athenaeum - concert hall opened in 1888
Palace of the Parliament
- second largest administrative building in the world
- it houses the Parliament of Romania, International Conference Center and numerous museums
On our way to Brasov

Stop 1: Sinaia

- Small town in the Carpathian mountains
- Well known for its winter sports resorts
- Home to Peles Royal Castle

Peles Royal Castle
- Built for King Carol I and inaugurated in 1883
- a masterpiece of German Renaissance architecture.
- The smaller Pelisor Castle features a unique collection of Viennese furniture and Tiffany glassware.
Stop 2: Bran Castle (Dracula’s Castle)
Council Square
- located in the historic center of Brasov
- used by merchant as local markets since 1364
- nowadays is a tourist attraction and a place for various music concerts
Black Church
- name is attributed to a fire set in 1689 by disgruntled invaders unable to breach the city's walls during the Great Turkish war. Ever since, the church and its red-tiled roof have been ash-stained.
- It is the main Gothic style monument in the country and the largest Lutheran place of worship in the region
Sighisoara

Historic Center of Sighisoara
- Designated UNESCO World Heritage site
Last stop – Sibiu

Panoramic view

Huet Square
Week 2: Habitat for Humanity Romania

• Location: Berceni, Prahova (about 35 miles from Bucharest)
• Accommodations: Hotel Central, Ploiesti

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Week 2: Habitat for Humanity Romania

- Single family homes and multi-family homes.
- Also “Blitz Builds” of 10 or more houses in just one week.
- Disaster relief, rehabilitation, and energy-efficiency.
- Supports socially disadvantaged groups.
• There is work for everybody, regardless of age, skills and/or abilities.
• Equipment and gear provided.
• You'll work alongside skilled masons, completing essential construction activities, including
  ✓ digging foundations,
  ✓ making and pouring concrete,
  ✓ building frames and roof trusses,
  ✓ raising the walls of the quadruplex, and so much more.
Advantages

• Can visit Europe afterwards

• Travelling in the summer is much better than travelling in January: better weather, no rushing back to start the spring semester.

• Go to a foreign country with people who know the culture and the language.

• Make a difference and build your resume working with Habitat for Humanity.

• Get CE and IDP credit
HUM 355 Habitat for Humanity Travel to Romania Prep  
Spring 2020, 2 credits  
This class is required of students taking the Habitat for Humanity Travel to Romania class, but it can also be a standalone 2-credit class.

CIV/HUM 355 Habitat for Humanity Travel to Romania  
May 29-June 13 2020, 2 credits

Students will travel to Romania where they will volunteer with Habitat for Humanity and explore Romania. The course will begin with visits to Bucharest and Southern Transylvania where students will learn about Romania’s history, culture, politics, art, architecture, and food. The second week of the course will be spent at a Habitat for Humanity site where students will be part of a team with the goal of helping the international community by building housing for low-income families.

No prerequisites.  
Meets IDP and CE core requirements.