A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3
Lecture Hours/Week: 3
Lab Hours/Week: *.*
OJT Hours/Week: *.*
Prerequisites: None
Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci, Goal 08 - Global Perspective

This course meets Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) goal areas 5 and 8. This course exposes the learner to a culture that exists outside the United States. Learners are required to prepare a critical cultural comparison between the destination country/city and their own country/city. The foreign culture is experienced through research, classroom experiences, and an intensive immersion through a travel experience.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 08/25/2003 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Identify physical settings of foreign state.
2. Identify regional identities in foreign state.
3. Identify social, political, and economic customs in foreign state.
5. Observe people and cultural practices in foreign state.
7. Recognize and research major landmarks in foreign state.
8. Utilize major transportation networks in foreign state.

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. The learner will learn to effectively communicate observances and an appreciation of spatially related phenomena. (Prepare and present an electronic portfolio).
2. The learner will learn to anticipate and appreciate experiences in varied locations and cultural settings. (Written assignment & Oral presentation on a site of interest on the travel itinerary).
3. The learner will learn to prepare for travel in a manner that provides a basis for knowledgeable and effective travel experiences in the destination country. (Written assignment & Research sites of personal interest)
E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci
1. Employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.
2. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.
3. Develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.

Goal 08 - Global Perspective
1. Describe and analyze political, economic, and cultural elements which influence relations of states and societies in their historical and contemporary dimensions.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of cultural, social, religious and linguistic differences.
3. Understand the role of a world citizen and the responsibility world citizens share for their common global future.

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT
As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION
None noted