

# ALBANIAN AND SOUTHEASTERN EUROPEAN STUDIES UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE

The multidisciplinary Certificate in Albanian and Southeastern European Studies consists of four 4-credit hour courses (16 credit hours total) and is available to DePaul undergraduate and non-degree seeking students. It explores the intersections and connections of Albanian history, language, culture, and politics to the larger regions of the Balkans, Eastern Mediterranean, and South/Eastern Europe. Almost all the courses in the certificate can be double counted toward the learning domains, and students can build their own interdisciplinary curriculum by drawing on courses from different disciplines that explore the history, politics, and culture of Albania and Kosova, South/Eastern Europe, and the European Union through multiple perspectives. This Certificate helps students to internationalize their academic plan, and can also demonstrate an understanding of Albania, South/Eastern, and broader European culture, history, literature, and politics to potential graduate schools and/or employers.

By offering a vibrant and comprehensive undergraduate curriculum in Albanian and Southeastern European Studies our goal is to offer to DePaul students of all ethnic and racial backgrounds the rare opportunity to explore the complexities and career possibilities presented by a region that constitutes a fascinating meeting point between East and West. The world is better understood when told and viewed from the edges, the borderlines, and the crossroads.

- One 4-credit hour core course: ALB 280E
- Three 4-credit hour elective courses (see sample course list below for details)

## Note:

Advanced or heritage speakers of Albanian can choose to complete two 2-credit FLAC courses in Albanian language instead of one of the required 4-credit hour electives in English.

| Course                                           | Title                                                                                 | Quarter Hours |
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| <b>Core Course</b>                               |                                                                                       |               |
| ALB 280E                                         | THE POLITICS OF FOOD, HISTORY, AND IDENTITY IN THE BALKANS                            | 4             |
| <b>At least one elective course chosen from:</b> |                                                                                       |               |
| ALB 259                                          | WAR AND RECONCILIATION IN THE BALKANS                                                 |               |
| ALB 281E                                         | TALES OF POLITICAL DYSTOPIA: STORYTELLING AFTER THE BERLIN WALL                       | 4             |
| ALB 283E                                         | BORDERS AND WALLS IN CONTEMPORARY ART AND LITERATURE: FROM ALBANIA TO ARIZONA         | 4             |
| ALB 285E                                         | THE PLAGUE: PANDEMICS BETWEEN FICTION AND REALITY                                     | 4             |
| ALB 286E                                         | HOLOCAUST IN THE BALKANS: THE UNTOLD STORY OF ALBANIA RESCUING GERMAN JEWS FROM NAZIS | 4             |

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| ALB 397E                                                                           | SPECIAL TOPICS IN ALBANIAN STUDIES                           | 4-4.5 |
| <b>Remaining elective course chosen from:</b>                                      |                                                              |       |
| HST 252                                                                            | THE AGE OF THE COLD WAR: 1945-1991                           | 4     |
| GEO 201                                                                            | GEOPOLITICS                                                  | 4     |
| GEO 204                                                                            | RELIGIOUS GEOGRAPHY                                          | 4     |
| INT 304                                                                            | MIGRATION AND FORCED MIGRATION                               | 4     |
| ITA 260E                                                                           | EAT ITALY: THE HISTORY, CULTURE AND POLITICS OF ITALIAN FOOD | 4-4.5 |
| PSC 340                                                                            | THE EUROPEAN UNION                                           | 4     |
| <b>Language Course (optional; for advanced and heritage speakers of Albanian):</b> |                                                              |       |
| ALB 395                                                                            | FLAC FOR ALBANIAN STUDIES                                    |       |

## Certificate Advising:

To declare the certificate, students must contact the Hiday "Eddie" Bregu Endowed Chair in Albanian Studies, Dr. Gazmend Kapllani (gkapllani@depaul.edu). Dr. Kapllani advises on the completion of requirements and can share additional information on opportunities that complement classroom learning, such as research opportunities, academic internships, and scholarships.