

UWC SHORT COURSE BRIDGING CULTURES

Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina

August 4th- August 14th, 2018



“Bridging Cultures” is a Short Course that aims to discuss and discover the topic of multicultural understanding in depth while giving participants an authentic UWC experience. It will take place in Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina from August 4th to August 14th, 2018. The course will be carried through an experiential learning approach, that encourages engagement, action and reflection rather than just observation and listening. A group of facilitators, but also guest speakers representing a range of local NGOs, will deliver workshops and activities related to the topics of identity, cultural relativism, multiculturalism in Bosnia and Herzegovina, social activism and more. The course will encourage participants and staff to get out of their comfort zones and apply the skills and knowledge acquired during the 10 days through projects and actions in their local communities. There will be an opportunity to practice during the project day, in cooperation with the service extracurricular CAS activities organized by UWC Mostar students. Just like in a UWC experience, we will organize various cultural and social activities that aim to develop self-awareness and respect for cultural differences and similarities. There will also be opportunities for the group to explore Mostar and its surroundings, getting to see the flabbergasting natural beauty of the Balkans and the hospitality of the Bosnian people and engaging in some bonding time. Last but not least, the participants will have the chance to stay in one of the college’s residences located right by the Old Town and experience residential life- a very valuable medium for learning from one another. Meanwhile, they will also explore their autonomy by being in an open campus and contributing to the residence community while doing basic cleaning or cooking tasks once in a while.