UGA Connections with Croatia
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UGA Students in Croatia
For the 2014-2015 academic year, 24 students visited Croatia through UGA educational programs. The vast majority of these students were participants in the “Croatia Maymester Abroad” program operated through the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences. Two students took advantage of UGA’s “Independent Experience” program, pursuing studies and research in Public Health and Higher Education.

UGA Study Abroad in Croatia: Croatian Culture and Society
The Croatia Maymester Study Abroad Program offers students the opportunity to earn credit examining various aspects of Croatian culture and society while traveling through the country. Courses are taught by UGA faculty and use active engagement approaches that take students into different regions and allow them to interact with scholars from Croatian universities and research institutes, local government officials, leaders of non-governmental organizations, and citizens from different walks of life. The program focuses on culture, politics, and national identity; the conservation and interpretation of tangible and intangible cultural heritage; and public health as a societal issue in Croatia.

Visiting Students, Scholars, & Researchers
Additionally, during the 2014-2015 academic year, UGA has hosted two graduate students from Croatia and one visiting scholar, who is conducting research on vegetable transplant production and physiology under the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

Research with the Institute of Adriatic Crops and Karst Reclamation
Faculty from UGA’s College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences have been working with researchers at the Institute of Adriatic Crops and Karst Reclamation (IACKR) on issues of food and agriculture. IACKR and UGA are situated in similar climatic zones, performing similar research on common crops and challenges associated with their cultivation. UGA has benefited from the expertise of researchers at IACKR, particularly in the development of olive and pomegranate crops in Georgia.

Research with the Institute of Social Sciences Ivo Pilar
UGA has enjoyed extensive cooperation with Ivo Pilar, including connections through the departments of Historic Preservation, Germanic and Slavic Studies, Public Health, and International Affairs. Faculty at both institutions are undertaking collaborative research projects on issues such as rural development, well-being monitoring along the EU border, and sustainable development of the Adriatic coastline. UGA and Ivo Pilar are also putting research into practice with the formulation of place-based development strategies with a strong emphasis on cultural and heritage preservation, local well-being, and post-industrial conversion policies addressing renewable energy, good governance and public health.
Research with the University of Zagreb
UGA and the University of Zagreb have been working together since 2008, with extensive and valuable cooperation in the fields of public health, veterinary medicine, and environmental design. The partnership has resulted in numerous visits by professors from both institutions. UGA and UZ have also worked together in the area of education administration, with administrators from each university working together to examine and improve their respective institutional structures and policies.