The University of Texas at Tyler is offering a Biology course on the Interplay of Science and Culture in Genomic Medicine in spring 2015. This Special Topics course covering Turkish culture and medicine will explore the interplay between culture, religion, socioeconomics and medical technology. We will tour historic sites as they relate to the origin of local culture and religion, evaluate Turkish socioeconomics, and discuss the influence of these factors on health care delivery systems and the practice of medicine.

We plan to visit the following sites: Istanbul, Beyoglu Hospital, Selcuk University Medical School Konya, Taksim diagnostic and research center, Topkapi Palace, Archaeological Museum, St. Sophia, Blue Mosque, Hippodrome, Grand Bazar, Spice Market, Dardanells, Bosphorus, Marmara Sea, Canakkale, Aegean Sea, Troy, Pergamum, Ephesus Antique City, Ephesus Museum, Izmir, Kusadasi, Aphrodisias, Pamukkale, Hierapolis, Konya, Mausoleum of Mevlana, Cappadocia, and Underground City among many other places.

The tour is open to the public. Any community member, student, or faculty member may enroll to participate in this opportunity. Students will earn three hours of credit if they enroll at UTT for BIOL 4395-001

Package Includes: Accommodations, two meals per day, entrance fees, land transportation within Turkey and hotel transfers, administration fees and orientation costs.

Cost for the Ten Day Tour: $1,590 plus the international and domestic airfares estimated to be $1200.00. Single room supplement: $390.

A deposit of $590 is required by January 15, 2015. A full payment is due by February 6, 2015. Enrollment after January 27th will be based on space availability and on a first come first serve basis. Travelers are welcome to join the tour at the last minute, as long as we have space and we are able to make arrangements after the established deadline dates.

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