



2016 USAMVBT/Purdue University Service Learning Project

Greeting! Each year Purdue University (www.purdue.edu) partners with USAMVBT and Animale for a service learning course that takes place in rural Romania.

Service learning is a form of experiential learning (i.e., learning by doing, or hands-on learning) where students learn a topic while in service to other individuals or groups. In this course, students learn different facets of livestock production, Extension methodologies, food production, and problem solving while working directly with Romanian livestock producers.

This year's course takes place from May 18th to June 6th. We usually take 16-18 US undergraduates and 6-8 Romanian undergraduates. The Romanian undergraduates **are participants in the course** (i.e., not translators) and take part in all assignments and work projects. We welcome applicants from all faculties

The Schedule

May 18th – May 29th: The first work site will be in Vata de Jos--near Deva in Huneadoara County. Here the students be in small group homestays and work with Romanian livestock producers. We also plan to assist the community in conducting a comprehensive analysis of milk quality in the area. No previous experience is required!

May 29^h – June 6th: From Vata de Jos, we will spend two days relaxing in Sibiu before traveling to our second worksite in Paclisa (near Hateg) in Huneadoara County. There is an inpatient hospital in Paclisa that produces a large amount of their own food, including pork, dairy and eggs. We will work with the hospital administrators and managers to develop and implement some solutions to the challenges that they have. The course wraps up in Timisoara where we will again relax and have a going away party before the US students return home.

Who can apply?

We are looking for mature, energetic students who are able to work with people with different backgrounds. Ideal students will be motivated to take advantage of this opportunity to make new friends and learn about each other's cultures. Thanks for your interest in our class and please feel free to ask us ANY questions you might have.

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APPLICATION ON FOLLOWING PAGES

Please return application to pebner@purdue.edu by April 8, 2016. Please email or hand deliver another copy of your application to Dr. BORLEA Florin, USAMVBT Vice-Rector.

IV. Information for emergency situations

In case of an emergency (accident, calamity etc.) during your participation in our program, please provide information of a person we should contact?

Name (and surname)		Relation (relative, friend, etc.)	
Address		Phone	

What are your professional/career goals?

How do you believe that you will benefit from participating in the USAMVBT/Purdue University Service Learning Project?

What are some strengths you would bring to the USAMVBT/Purdue University Service Learning Project?

What will be the most challenging aspect of the USAMVBT/Purdue University Service Learning Project working in rural villages in Romania? How will you overcome these challenges?

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Please complete and return by e-mail to Dr. Paul Ebner (pebner@purdue.edu) by April 8, 2016. Please hand deliver a signed copy (hard copy) to Dr. BORLEA Florin at USAMVBT. Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.