

# FAQs

## ***Global Perspectives on Disability Policies and Practices*** **AAIDD Delegation to Poland &** **UMB Special and Inclusive Education: Focus on Poland**

The American Association for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) *is pleased to announce the following study abroad program in collaboration with* The School for Global Inclusion and Social Development (GISD), The College of Education and Human Development (CEHD), and The College of Advancing and Professional Studies (CAPS) at the University of Massachusetts Boston (UMB)

### ***What are the dates of the delegation?***

The dates of the program in Poland are October 12-24, 2014. You should plan to land in Gdansk the morning of October 12, which for many delegates will mean beginning your travel on October 11. You should plan on departing from Krakow on October 24 to your home city. For those crossing the international date line, you will likely arrive in your home city on October 24.

### ***What is included in the program fee?***

The program fee of \$3,599 includes all in-country travel (flights, busses and airport transfers), lodging at 4-star hotels, local guides, admission to cultural attractions on the itinerary, all meals, and tips. All lodging is single occupancy unless you request a shared arrangement.

### ***What is not included in the program fee?***

While travel to and from Poland (arriving in Gdansk on October 12 and departing from Krakow on October 24) and in-country excess baggage fees are not included, you will be met at the airport in Gdansk and transported to the group's hotel as part of the program package. Pocket money is at your own discretion.

### ***When should I plan to arrive in Gdansk?***

You should attempt to arrive in the morning of October 12. Please provide your travel information to Jennifer Goode at UMB so that airport pick up will be arranged.

### ***Can I bring a guest on this delegation?***

The delegation is designed to be a **professional exchange** in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities. All delegates are expected to attend and participate in the program and no alternate "traveling companion," "family friendly," or "child-oriented" programs are offered. **While delegates may bring a guest, all guests are expected to participate fully in the program.**

### ***How should I prepare for this trip?***

All participants will be expected to participate in an orientation call/webinar prior to the event (date/time to be determined). US citizens do not need a visa; all participants must have a valid passport. If you do not have a passport or your passport is set to expire, you should address the issue prior to departure.

### ***What is the course opportunity offered by UMB?***

This delegation may also be taken as a course for undergraduate credit awarded by UMass Boston. Delegates may, but not required to, take a course at an additional fee. Please contact Jennifer Goode at UMB for more information on taking this delegation as a **course focusing on special and inclusive education**.

***How strenuous will the trip be?***

The delegation will travel to **four cities** in Poland, which will necessitate a series of hotel transfers and in-country travel. Each day of the delegation has been structured to provide a full day of group activities. Participants should expect **self-propelled (“walking”) tours** of historic areas which will cover uneven ground, cobblestones, and stairs, and a visit to **Auschwitz**, which has been preserved without accessibility accommodations.

***How will my health information be treated?***

Delegates are asked to disclose health information (conditions, medications, etc.) that the tour leader will have access to for the purpose of assisting medical professionals in the event that you require emergency health care. This information is treated confidentially prior to and during the trip and will be destroyed after.

***How should I pack for this trip?***

Participants are encouraged to dress “business casual” and wear comfortable walking shoes. As the weather will be typically “autumn” with unexpected highs and lows, you may want to consider packing “layers” to assure maximum comfort. While some hotels may be able to loan you a voltage converter, you are encouraged to bring your own. You can expect to check one bag at no additional cost for in-country travel; please check the baggage policies for your international flight to determine the cost of any additional bags.

***Are scholarships or discounts available to participate?***

AAIDD delegations are offered “at cost”; no discounts are available. AAIDD does not offer scholarship for its delegations.

***Who should I contact for more information?***

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