During the 2015-2016 academic year, Austin Seminary will offer, for academic credit, several seminars with travel components. This memorandum provides information about these opportunities. The costs listed are in addition to Seminary tuition. Students are allowed to take one Travel Seminar (indicated as such in this memo and categorized as such in the Catalogue) for academic credit. These seminars offer an extraordinary opportunity to expand horizons and to gain a deeper understanding of our faith and the world around us. The Gunther scholarships provide support to make it possible to take advantage of these opportunities.

**Gunther Scholarships**

The Elma Gunther Scholarship for International Study provides a one-time grant for each master’s-level student involved in an approved cross-cultural or international educational experience. The travel seminar to New Haven does qualify for the grant; the Seminarians Interacting Program does not. In the past, the seminary has provided grants covering up to half of the cost of the seminar, up to a maximum of $1,400. Funds are distributed based on the number of grants requested, i.e., the more grants requested, the less each person receives.

A student desiring this grant must apply in writing. The application form is available from Alison Riemersma in the Academic Dean’s office. The application is due in October for January seminars and March for summer seminars.

**January 2016**

**The Pauline Mission (Travel Seminar)**
Dr. Lewis Donelson

The purpose of this travel seminar is to introduce participants to the history, culture, and geography of the Mediterranean World at the beginning of the Christian era. The seminar consists of lectures, readings, visits to sites and museums, and a research paper. The seminar focuses on the cities of the Pauline mission in Turkey and Greece. Places visited may or may not include Ephesus, Antioch of Pisidia, Pergamum, and Athens. Six credits.

- Cost: Approx. $4000
- Dates: Two weeks in January, 2016

**Crosscurrents in Christian Worldwide Witness Today**

This course offers students the opportunity to travel to New Haven, Connecticut to study at the Overseas Ministries Study Center. A variety of courses are offered during the three-week term in January. For more information contact the Academic Dean’s Office. Credits may vary.

- Cost: Approx. $300 per week for tuition, lodging and meals, plus airfare
- Dates: Three weeks in January
Sharing Our Faith Traditions
This course builds upon the Sharing Our Faith Traditions (SOFT) program, a retreat sponsored by the Multicultural Alliance that brings protestant, Catholic, Jewish, and Muslim seminarians together to engage each other around a particular theme related to interfaith dialogue, and to explore the richness of each tradition. Scholars from each tradition lecture on the theme of the year. Students conduct worship services, meet in plenary and small groups, and complete written assignments. The retreat is ordinarily scheduled for four days during the first week in January. Three credits.

Cost: Two students may attend for free if they do not wish to receive academic credit. If students wish to receive academic credit, they must pay tuition for those credits.
Dates: January 4-7, 2016

Summer 2016
FYI - not yet listed for registration purposes

The Way of St. James: On the Pilgrimage Trail (Travel Seminar)
Dr. Jennifer Lord

The purpose of this travel seminar is to introduce participants to a major historical Christian pilgrimage trail: the Way of St. James. The seminar consists of readings, journaling, reflection on the movement of the traveler in community, visits to sites, and hiking the initial portion of the main French section of the trail. A research paper is required. Six credits.

Cost: Approximately $4500
Dates: Approx. May 23 - June 4, 2016