***Prompt 1: Enhancing the effectiveness of the organization.*** Consider an opportunity for your organization to improve in some way. What isn’t working as well as you believe that it could at your organization? Or how could they achieve an even greater level of success?

Now think about various theories, processes, methodologies, models, problem solving strategies, etc. that you have been exposed to in college. Select one (or more) that you think would be beneficial to the organization with respect to its above challenge(s) and describe it. Now describe exactly how it could be applied / adapted in your organization to create positive change. Develop a plan for integrating your idea (as if you were the boss and had the authority to make it happen) – be specific. Is this something appropriate to share with your internship supervisor?

The organization I am interning for could use some help in how they communicate with each other. I have noticed they have a difficult time achieving any task because the communication between departments is non-existent. However, I do not think this is the result of lack of effort from my supervisor. She communicates effectively with her whole team and creates a welcoming environment. However, there are other issues within the company that are out of her control. I think she does her best with what she has. I wish everyone would share the information they have and work together toward the same goal that would help both teams: investment and development. This company could be so successful if everyone was on the same page.

***Prompt 2: Resume Entry.*** List your internship site, job title, location and dates.

Then write THREE accomplishment statements. Start with a verb and be as detailed as possible. That is, offer specific, concrete numbers or other data to make it clear what you did. You’re essentially crafting bullet points that you can use on your resume about your international internship experience. What did you accomplish that you want others to know about? *(Note: You don’t need to include your entire resume; you’re just writing the entry that you can add to your resume as you see fit.)* See sample below.

**Marketing Intern**

Getberg Real Estate, Prague Summer 2018

* Researched social media and differences in strategy from America to the Czech Republic.
* Created a social media strategy based on research, optimal posting times, and goals set for each social media platform.
* Prepared presentations for investment team to reform social media efforts and work as a team to market new projects.

***Prompt 3: Key Learnings.*** Identify and explain several of the most important lessons you will take away with you as a result of your internship experience and your time in the Prague Internship & Study Abroad Program. Be specific and explain how you have changed as a person. How do you see things differently now? What can you do differently or more effectively? How do you think and behave differently as a result of this program?

One of the most important things I will take away from my internship experience is the ability to adapt. When I began working at my job site, it was pretty consistent and comfortable. Three weeks later, the company split into two and we all had to adapt and prepare for what was coming next. For me, this is not an easy task because I am stubborn and not a fan of change. However, I had no choice. I started coming into work not knowing what that day would bring. That adaptability has made me a more confident person. I have also improved myself by learning how to take initiative. My supervisor wears many different hats and could not always be standing over my shoulder telling me what to do. Many times, I had to create my own schedule for posting, researching, creating content, etc. It was not easy, but I feel like being able to decipher what needs to be done and when is a skill I will need in the future. I also see things differently than I did when I first started here. My perspective in the first week was extremely American, because that is all I knew. I was used to things moving fast, decisions being made, and rapid progress. However, here it takes answers and input from several people before any move can be made. Many times I thought we were moving too slow when in actuality, I was moving too fast.

***Prompt 4: Advice.*** If you had one piece of advice you could offer to next year’s Prague Program students, what would it be?

Come into this experience with an open mind. Many things will not be what you thought, but that is not a bad thing. Be open to changing your perspective and you might feel like a different person than you were when you flew in.

***Prompt 5:  Goals Reflection.***  Prior to your departure, you completed Assignment 1 (LM 1) and set some goals for yourself.  Review Assignment 1 and comment on the extent to which you accomplished your goals?  Where were your greatest successes in this regard?  What didn't work out so well - and why?  Summarize each of your initial goals and your progress toward meeting those goals here in Europe.  What did you learn about goal setting as a result of this experience?

My greatest accomplishment was jumping so far out of my comfort zone at every chance I could. I went into this program wanting to get out of my own shell and make myself face fears. Now I’m looking back and realizing I’m not even afraid anymore. I faced all my fears and then some. I forced myself to get out there and do everything that I normally wouldn’t do. A goal I set for my internship was to speak up, and I have done that many times. The people I worked with made me feel comfortable enough to say what was on my mind, and often they would agree. The one thing I did not do as much of as I wanted is to eat traditional food from every country I visited. I still have no idea what Hungarian food tastes like. Initially, I thought preparing myself for every possible circumstance would be my best bet to handle my nerves. I quickly realized that when you are traveling, there is no way you can prepare for everything. I learned to adapt when things went wrong and not let that ruin my experience. Goal setting is a great way to realize that sometimes we set goals that are impossible for us to achieve. And sometimes we knock our goals out of the park. The confidence that comes from that is unbeatable.

***Prompt 6:  Did you complete the evaluations?  (Please do them now so you can honestly answer "yes")Were any of the evaluations not available by the due date of this discussion topic?  If so, which ones?  Do you have any suggestions for how we might streamline the evaluation system?***

I completed the evaluations for both BIS 401 and BIS 402. I also completed the EUSA survey. I think it works well to have all of these separate because each class helped me in different ways and EUSA was something completely separate. I don’t mind giving the feedback because this experience changed my life and I would love for that to happen to other students next year.

**One final note: Be sure to review your classmate's initial postings, and then respond to / comment on at least five of your fellow classmate's answers.**