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*Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Education: A Study Abroad Program for Pre-Service  
Secondary Teachers.*

Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Education (BSME) is a semester-long program in Budapest, Hungary, designed for American and Canadian undergraduates interested in teaching middle school or high school mathematics. BSME was conceived by the founders of Budapest Semesters in Mathematics (BSM), and the two programs share a common goal—to provide their participants with an opportunity to experience the mathematical and general culture of Hungary. BSME is specifically intended for students who are not only passionate about mathematics, but also the *teaching* of mathematics.

BSME participants will study the *Hungarian approach* to learning and teaching, in which a strong and explicit emphasis is placed on problem solving, mathematical creativity, and communication. Participants will also form a professional community of teachers, committed to providing such learning experiences to their students, that will extend beyond their time in Budapest.

In this session, I will give an overview of BSME and describe how it could serve the interests and needs of undergraduates interested in teaching. (**Note:** BSME will also have its own exhibit table at the Joint Meetings.) (Received September 10, 2014)