

# Application

## TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

What population or group are you interested in working with?

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Have you ever traveled outside the U.S.? Where?

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Have you ever had study abroad experiences? Describe.

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Do you have a U.S. Passport?

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Describe any classes or experiences you have had that might be related to this course.

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Describe your expectations for the program and what you would like to accomplish.

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# Field Trips

## *Ayala Museum*

Explore 60 handcrafted dioramas chronicling the rich tapestry of Philippine history.

## *Cultural Center of the Philippines*

Enjoy music, dance performances, exhibits, art collections and films at the country's premiere institution for culture and the arts.

## *Hacienda Looc/Hacienda Luisita*

Stay overnight with peasant families at one of the sites of ongoing battles between poor farm families fighting to keep their land and development companies determined to take it.

## *Intramuros*

Take a timeless journey through forts and dungeons, old churches, colonial houses and horse-drawn carriages in the "Walled City."

## *Mt. Banahaw*

Make a pilgrimage to the sacred volcano that Babaylans, a practicing spiritual sect of women, call home.

## *Subic Bay*

Tour a "red-light district" in a region that housed the largest American naval base until 1992 when it became a promising tourist destination.



## *Past Speakers*

- Rosalinda Duque, SAMAKANA (Association of United and Free Women)
- Marie Hilao, KARAPATAN (Alliance for the Advancement of People's Rights)
- Mother Superior Mary John Mananzan, former President of St. Scholastica College
- Lita Mariano, Alliance of Farmers in Central Luzon
- Congresswoman Liza Maza
- Nanette Miranda, Labor Organizer for the Movement of Women Workers/Alliance of Unions
- Emmi de Jesus, Secretary General, GABRIELA (Alliance of Militant Women's Organizations)

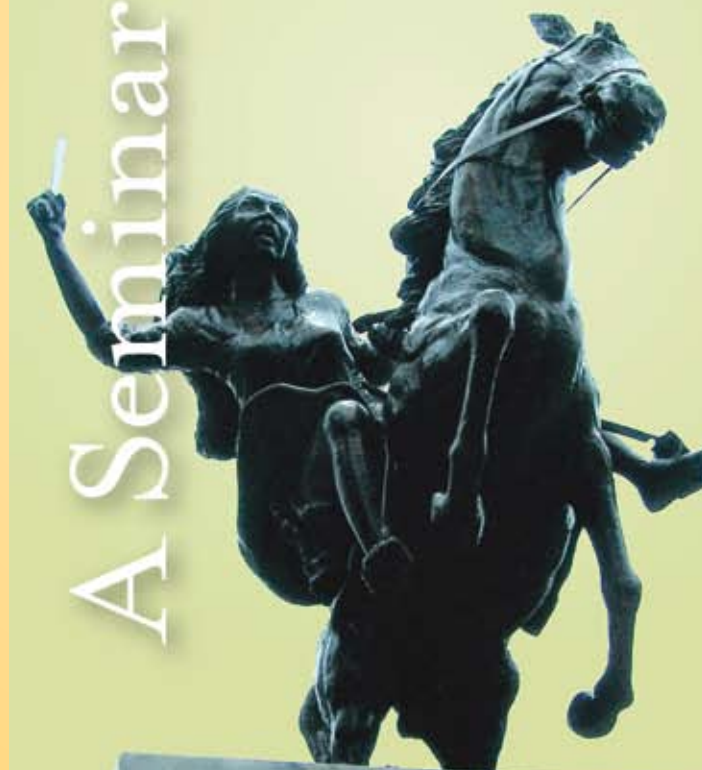
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A Seminar Studying Abroad



Feminist Theory, Social Action  
and Social Work in the  
**PHILIPPINES**



## Seminar Overview

### Feminist Theory, Social Action and Social Work in the **PHILIPPINES**



Globalization has created a growing range of social and economic problems with increasingly diverse types of clients, requiring today's social workers gain practical knowledge of other cultures, exposure to alternative methods of service delivery and international networking skills more than ever before. In response, the USC School of Social Work offers a series of cross-cultural study-abroad seminars that combine classroom instruction with experiential learning to help students understand different cultural perspectives through firsthand interactions with host cultures.

The **Feminist Theory, Social Action and Social Work in the Philippines** seminar provides students with a broader understanding of the feminist perspective in social work and its influence in facilitating social change. Utilizing the Philippines as a case study, the seminar introduces students to Filipino culture and community development models of social service delivery prevalent in this Pacific Rim nation, preparing them to be culturally sensitive and competent practitioners, organizers and advocates in serving the fastest growing Asian immigrant population in the United States.

## Seminar Details

### FORMAT

The seminar combines student discussions and lectures with site visits, field work and field trips. Participants will keep a journal integrating the theoretical and experiential elements of the program, helping them articulate their observations and insights. Students will also complete a group field project with one of the host organizations, culminating in a presentation to the USC and Los Angeles Filipino-American community.

### PARTICIPANTS

The seminar is designed for a limited number of graduate-level students and professionals from multiple disciplines including social work, sociology, public policy and public health, who are interested in social development.

### ACCOMMODATIONS (subject to change)

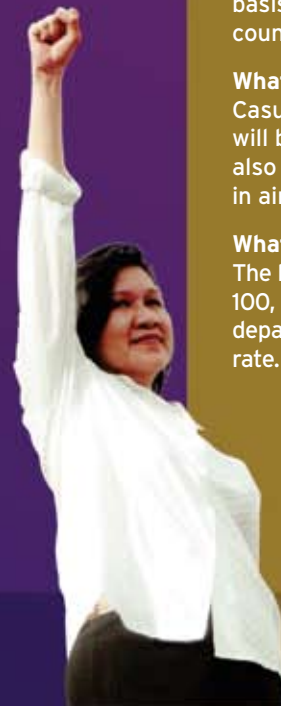
University Hotel  
University of the Philippines, Diliman  
Diliman, Quezon City in Metro Manila

### COSTS

Program costs include airfare, accommodations, two meals per day, transportation during program hours and field trip fees. For students, cost includes tuition, but other fees are additional, including a health insurance policy if not enrolled in the mandatory student health insurance plan and covered by the international study abroad option. All participants will be responsible for their own snacks, local transportation and other incidentals.

### WHAT STUDENTS WILL GAIN

- Hands-on experience with different social and community development models of social work in an international setting
- The ability to think across disciplinary, cultural and social boundaries
- Personal and intellectual growth
- A more informed perspective of the political, economic, social and cultural forces shaping Filipino society
- A keener awareness of gender issues and the feminist perspective in social work practice
- A new vantage point to work more effectively with Filipino immigrant clients
- A network of educators, social work professionals and feminist organizations in the Philippines and Southern California
- A broader understanding of, and appreciation for, the United States, its way of life and role in international affairs
- Potential new job prospects



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Will I get credit toward my degree?

If you are enrolled in the USC School of Social Work master's program, you will receive a 4-unit credit.

### Will this seminar help my chances of finding a job?

With the world growing smaller every day and the economies of all nations becoming increasingly intertwined, employers are eager for social workers with international perspectives.

### Can I take both the Philippines and Mexico immersion courses?

Yes. If you are a USC School of Social Work student taking the seminars for credit, please have your concentration chair approve beforehand.

### Is financial aid available?

Scholarships are not available. However, if you are receiving financial aid for your graduate education, you may be able to also use it toward international study. For details, visit the USC School of Social Work Financial Aid Office.

### Do I need a passport and visa?

Yes. To obtain a passport for the first time, you need to go in person to any passport acceptance facility with two photos of yourself, proof of U.S. citizenship and a valid form of photo identification. For trips of 21 days or less, a visa is not needed. For more details, visit [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov).

### What do I need to know about customs?

You will be asked to fill out a form on the plane, which you will present upon arrival. Upon leaving, you must pay a \$10 fee. Please note the strict regulations against transporting pirated DVDs and CDs, which will result in confiscation and a heavy fine. Likewise, the country does not tolerate illegal drugs.

### What health precautions should I take?

Vaccines are not required. However, some visitors choose to safeguard themselves against malaria, Hepatitis A and dengue fever, although the possibility of contracting any of these diseases is remote. You should be more concerned about protecting yourself from dehydration and heat stroke. It is not recommended that you drink tap water, and you may want to avoid ice in restaurants. Bottled water is readily available. Should you need medical attention, you will have access to hospitals on a cash payment basis, and pharmacies are available for purchasing over-the-counter medication.

### What do I pack?

Casual light clothing. Jeans are acceptable. Slightly warmer clothes will be necessary for an overnight trip into northern Luzon. You may also wish to bring a bathing suit and a sweater or jacket for comfort in air-conditioned buildings.

### What is the money situation?

The local currency of the Philippines is the peso, available in 10, 20, 50, 100, 500 and 1000 bills. You can exchange your money at banks, department stores and hotels, although money changers offer the best rate. You can also use credit cards or ATM cards.

## Application

### Feminist Theory, Social Action and Social Work in the **PHILIPPINES**

#### BASIC INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

#### EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student \_\_\_\_\_

#### UNIVERSITY/ COLLEGE / AGENCY AFFILIATION

Name of school or agency \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Degree to date \_\_\_\_\_

Expected degree \_\_\_\_\_

Expected grad date \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_

