DESTINATIONS

Los Alamitos Army Airfield, a military airport operated by the California Army National Guard on the 1,400-acre Joint Forces Training Base in Los Alamitos, Calif., is one of the most active Department of Defense aviation operations in the continental United States.

Ramstein Air Base, a North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) installation, serves as the headquarters for the United States Air Forces in Europe. Located near Kaiserslautern, Germany, the base sits at the hub of the largest American military community in Europe with roughly 50,000 U.S. personnel living in the area.

Landstuhl Regional Medical Center is the largest military hospital outside the continental United States. Located near Landstuhl, Germany, it serves as the nearest treatment center for wounded soldiers coming from Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as for troops stationed in Germany.

U.S. Army Garrison Heidelberg comprises a number of United States military installations in and around Heidelberg, Germany, including the headquarters of the U.S. Army in Europe and several NATO facilities.

U.S. Army Garrison Baumholder, home of the 170th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, represents one of the largest concentrations of U.S. Army combat units outside the continental United States. The base, known as “The Rock,” is nestled among the rolling hills of central Germany.

Luxembourg American Cemetery and Memorial, situated in a beautiful wooded area near Luxembourg City, is one of 14 permanent World War II American military cemeteries erected on foreign soil by the American Battle Monuments Commission. American soldiers who died in the battles of the Second World War are buried here, as is the acclaimed war hero Army General George S. Patton.

Strasbourg, France, perched definitively between France and Germany, has been part of both throughout the centuries. In this capital of the Alsace region, streets still bear the names of the medieval tradesmen who lived and worked there. The home of the European Parliament and Council of Europe, this often-overlooked and surprisingly cosmopolitan destination features a stunning cathedral.

Please return application along with a non-refundable $250 deposit (check made payable to USC) to:

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Shape your future
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The School of Social Work at the University of Southern California offers a global immersion program in Germany that will prepare students to meet the critical need for culturally competent behavioral healthcare providers who work with servicemembers and their families. The three-week program will take place at Los Alamitos Army Airfield in California and U.S. military installations in Germany, including Ramstein Air Base, the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center and the U.S. Army Garrisons in Baumholder and Heidelberg. Designed to increase military fluency, the experience will also help participants develop a deeper understanding of systems of care in place for military personnel during deployment and the transition back home.

Program Details

FORMAT
The three-week program will begin with pre-departure sessions on the USC campus followed by a visit to the Los Alamitos Army Airfield in California. During the two weeks in Europe, students will participate in a rigorous, experiential learning experience that combines daily lectures with guest speakers and field visits to a variety of sites including the U.S. Air Force Deployment Transition Center at Ramstein Air Base, Outpatient Behavioral Health at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center and Europe Regional Medical Command in Heidelberg that provides mental health services to Army personnel.

PARTICIPANTS
The program is designed for a limited number of graduate-level social work. Prospective participants are encouraged to attend at least one informational meeting to become familiar with the expectations and logistics of this one-of-a-kind program.

ACCOMMODATIONS (subject to change)
USC will arrange weekday housing at lodging facilities near Los Alamitos and Ramstein Air Base and weekend accommodations in Strasbourg, France.

COSTS
Program costs include two-week accommodations (double-room occupancy), daily breakfast, weekday lunches, local transportation during program hours and field excursions. In addition, costs include a program administrative fee. Other fees are additional, including tuition for a required 4-unit course and a health insurance policy if not enrolled in the mandatory USC student health insurance plan and covered by the international study abroad option. All participants will be responsible for their own roundtrip airfare from Los Angeles to Frankfurt, Germany, dinners, weekend lunches, non-program related transportation, and other incidentals.

WHAT STUDENTS WILL GAIN
- Appreciation for the military’s emphasis on mission readiness, support of service, honor and cohesion, and how those influence social work delivery at the micro, mezzo and macro levels
- Understanding of the impact of military transitions and stressful life events on a military family
- Knowledge of issues related to loss, stressors, changes and transitions over a veteran’s life cycle as pertinent to designing interventions
- Awareness of risk and protective factors associated with deployment, military service and other aspects of life and role transitions that servicemembers and veterans experience

Frequently Asked Questions

Will I get credit toward my degree?
If you are enrolled in the USC School of Social Work, you will receive 4-unit credits for completing the program.

Will this program help my chances of finding a job?
With the world growing smaller every day and the economies of all nations becoming increasingly intertwined, employers, regardless of profile, are eager for employees who bring new and innovative approaches that are often shaped by experiences in non-traditional classroom settings.

Is financial aid available?
Yes. You will need a passport for entry into Europe. United States citizens and green card holders will not need a visa to enter Europe. However, if you are an international student, you will need to investigate if a visa is required for your entry into Europe.

What is the weather like in Northern Europe?
During May and June, the weather in Northern Europe varies as it shifts from cooler spring to slightly warmer summer temperatures. While it can be moderately warm during the day and generally cool in the evening, periodic showers can be expected anytime.

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What do I pack?
Casual, light, but warm, clothing. Jeans are acceptable in the classroom and in the field. You may also want to bring a bathing suit and a sweater, jacket or light overcoat for the evenings. Please note airline baggage requirements may change, so it is important to check with your airline regarding baggage allowances. You may be charged additional baggage fees.

What is the money situation?
The euro is the official currency of the European countries on this trip. Major credit cards and traveler’s checks are accepted, and there is ample access to ATMs.

Can I arrive early and/or stay longer than the two-week program?
You will need to arrive at the same time as the entire delegation traveling to Germany. However, you can stay longer in Europe at your own expense.

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