**Tell Us About Yourself**

**Are you a U.S. citizen?**

**Do you have a U.S. passport?**

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

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Describe any of your classes or experiences that might be related to this course.

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What type of work do you see yourself doing in the next five years?

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Have you ever traveled outside of the United States? If so, where?

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**Global Immersion Program**

**Global and Intercultural Perspectives on Social Challenges, Solutions and Engagement in Europe**

**Destinations**

- **Brussels, Belgium**: The capital of the European Union, Brussels is often hailed as the heart of Europe. Brussels is a meeting ground for French and Flemish cultures, a mosaic of the world's most influential centers of cultural development, a cosmopolitan melting pot known for its theater, entertainment, and historical centers. To this day, Brussels offers historic monuments, buildings that surround it. The visibility of sex work in the city is just one of the many complex issues that plays out in the Netherlands' capital city.

- **London, England**: The largest city in the United Kingdom, London is one of the most romantic and beautiful cities in Europe. Its tulip-shaped canals, as well as historic monuments, the world's best known red light district. The visibility of sex work in the city is just one of the many complex issues that plays out in the Netherlands' capital city.

- **Amsterdam, Netherlands**: Holland's largest city offers a uniquely youthful orientation and a flair and cosmopolitan feel. Amsterdam is one of the world's most progressive cities, with its liberal policies toward sex work, the world's best known red light district, and tolerant drug laws, personal freedom and positive attitude toward gay's. Amsterdam's nightlife centers on its hip café culture with all-night coffee houses giving company to the world's best known red light district.

- **Paris, France**: Known as the ‘City of Light’, Paris is the most spectacular capital, with its grandeur and exclusivity. The city is home to one of the world’s longest surviving universities, the Sorbonne. The Sorbonne is the oldest university in the world, and a leading institution of higher education and research.

- **Berlin, Germany**: Berlin is the largest city in Germany and the capital of the federal state of Berlin. It is a major city, with a vibrant cultural and entertainment scene and laid-back attitude. Berlin is known for its historic monuments, buildings that surround it. The city is home to the world’s most influential centers of cultural development, and a cosmopolitan melting pot known for its theater, entertainment, and historical centers. Berlin is the seat of British military, is one of the most important cities in Europe. Its tulip-shaped canals, as well as historic monuments, the world's best known red light district. The visibility of sex work in the city is just one of the many complex issues that plays out in the Netherlands' capital city.

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In an increasingly interconnected world, people are challenged more than ever before to expand their knowledge and attitudes to successfully participate in the emerging global community. The School of Social Work at the University of Southern California offers a uniquely intimate study abroad experience in Europe that promotes intercultural awareness, tolerance and engagement.

The European intercultural immersion is focused on ways in which sexual orientation, gender, ethnicity and other cultural factors intersect with one another in various global contexts and how these factors contribute to the development of social challenges and their solutions. Ultimately, the course aims to enhance participants’ ability to engage culturally diverse people and systems in social work practices that are both ethical and effective.

Frequently Asked Questions

Where in Europe will the program take place?
The program will be based in Amsterdam, Netherlands, with visits to at least one other European country. In the past, participants also stopped over in Belgium, England, France, Germany and Luxembourg.

Will I get credit toward my degree?
If you are enrolled as either a USC or non-USC graduate or undergraduate student, you will receive a 4-unit credit for completing the program.

How long is the program and are there other requirements?
The immersion will take place over about 13 days in Europe. In preparation, participants are required to attend two pre-departure sessions on the USC campus. Participants who do not reside in the Los Angeles region may be able to take part by way of their computers through our virtual learning platform. There is also a post-immersion component of the course. During this period, there are no scheduled course sessions; however, the instructors will be available to participants to provide assistance with the final assignment.

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 profession or discipline, are eager for employees who have traveled and studied abroad and who bring global perspectives to their work. Participation in the immersion will provide you with international experience and should broaden both your perspective on the world and your professional networks.

Is financial aid available?
If you are receiving or are eligible for financial aid for your education, you may be able to apply it toward international study. For details, visit your institution’s financial aid office.

Do I need a passport and visa?
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 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 sweater, jacket or light overcoat for the evenings. Appropriate dinner attire is suggested for formal events. Please note that airline baggage requirements may change, so it is important that you 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. These countries accept all major credit cards and traveler’s checks, and offer access to plenty of ATMs.

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