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Modern Day Slavery: Combating Trafficking in the Philippines

Program Overview

Human trafficking – the illegal trade of human beings for sexual exploitation or forced labor – is the second most lucrative illicit enterprise in the world and the fastest growing, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. One of the undersides of globalization, human trafficking exists in at least 127 countries – places like the Philippines – where changing social and economic conditions have brought large numbers of people from rural areas into urban centers where they don’t have jobs or employment prospects, and government corruption has turned a blind eye to the epidemic. The promise of good jobs and economic opportunity lure residents to what they believe will bring them a better life.

Trafficing humans is not new, but the complexity of this phenomenon continues to grow in magnitude each year. The University of Southern California School of Social Work offers a unique cultural immersion program in the Philippines to understand this form of modern day slavery and the global efforts underway to combat the problem. Using a comparative perspective, participants will explore social action and social change strategies the United States and the Philippines use to suppress human trafficking networks.

Visits to governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations and other Filipina and international institutions that wage early detection, prevention, advocacy and awareness campaigns will enlighten students how policy and social services are coordinated to curb social trafficking. The program will consist of lectures with faculty and guest speakers, discussion panels, experiential and reflective exercises, and group-based assignments. The program will also include site visits to social service, community and human rights organizations, as well as cultural excursions. Students will participate in a two-day workshop on examining and creating social solutions to trafficking, working with grassroots community-based initiatives, social service agencies, policy specialists and public officials. The results will be presented in a one-day conference focusing on combating modern day slavery and trafficking.

Participants

The program is designed for a limited number of graduate-level social work students on a first-come, first-served basis. Prospective participants are encouraged to attend at least one informational meeting to become familiar with the expectations and logistics of the program.

Accommodations

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USC will arrange housing at lodging facilities on or near the University of the Philippines campus in Metro Manila. Accommodations may be arranged in other locations as well.

Costs

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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 health insurance policy if not enrolled in the mandatory USC student health insurance plan and covered by the international health insurance policy if not enrolled in the mandatory USC student health insurance plan or covered by the international health insurance plan. All participants will be responsible for their own roundtrip airfare from Los Angeles to Manila, Philippines; study abroad option. All participants will be responsible for their own roundtrip airfare from Los Angeles to Manila, Philippines; study abroad option. All participants will be responsible for their own roundtrip airfare from Los Angeles to Manila, Philippines; study abroad option. All participants will be responsible for their own roundtrip airfare from Los Angeles to Manila, Philippines; study abroad option. All participants will be responsible for their own roundtrip airfare from Los Angeles to Manila, Philippines; study abroad option. All participants will be responsible for their own roundtrip airfare from Los Angeles to Manila, Philippines; study abroad option. All participants will be responsible for their own roundtrip airfare from Los Angeles to Manila, Philippines; study abroad option. All participants will be responsible for their own roundtrip airfare from Los Angeles to Manila, Philippines; study abroad option. All participants will be responsible for their own roundtrip airfare from Los Angeles to Manila, Philippines; study abroad option. All participants will be responsible for their own roundtrip airfare from Los Angeles to Manila, Philippines; study abroad option. All participants will be responsible for their own roundtrip airfare from Los Angeles to Manila, Philippines; study abroad option. All participants will be responsible for their own roundtrip airfare from Los Angeles to Manila, Philippines; study abroad option. All participants will be responsible for their own roundtrip airfare from Los Angeles to Manila, Philippines; study abroad option. All participants will be responsible for their own roundtrip airfare from Los Angeles to Manila, Philippines; study abroad option.

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- Exposure to the diversity of the Philippines
- Historical, cultural, religious and social perspectives of the factors that shape Philippines society and promote resilience
- Hands-on experience in examining human trafficking
- Increased knowledge of child, labor and sex trafficking
- Understanding of trafficking from various perspectives
- International network of friends and professional connections

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 interwined, employers, regardless of profession, are seeking employees who bring new and innovative approaches that are often shaped by experiences in non-traditional classroom settings.

Is financial aid available?

If you are receiving or are eligible for financial aid, you may be able to apply it toward international study. For details, visit the School of Social Work’s Financial Aid Office.

Do I need a passport and visa?

Yes. You will need a passport for entry into the Philippines. United States citizens and green card holders do not need a visa unless you plan to stay more than 21 days in the Philippines. If those are your plans, you will need to contact the closest Philippine Consulate to make arrangements for a visa. Also, if you are an international student, you will need to investigate if a visa is required.

What is the weather like in the Philippines?

The rainy season starts in June, so the weather becomes very humid at this time, with the possibility of showers usually in the early mornings and afternoons.

What health precautions should I take?

Vaccinations are not required for travel in the Philippines. 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 consult your health care provider and learn more about protecting yourself when traveling in a tropical environment.

What do I pack?

Casual, light clothing. Jeans are acceptable in the classroom and in the field. Tank tops are also acceptable for the classroom, but you may want to bring a light sweater or a shawl to cover up as some of the communities we visit are more conservative. You may also want to bring a bathing suit and a light jacket for the evenings. Appropriately dressed attire is suggested for evening 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 legal currency of the Philippines is the peso. You can exchange your money at banks, department stores and hotels, although some money changers offer the best rates. You can also use credit cards and/or ATM cards.

Can I arrive early and/or stay longer than the two-week program?

Yes, at your own expense.

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Application

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BASIC INFORMATION

Name _____________________________

Student ID # _____________________________

Date of Birth ___/___/____

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Email ___________________________________________

Alternative E-mail ___________________________________________

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Enrolled at

☐ Orange County Academic Center
☐ San Diego Academic Center
☐ Skirball Academic Center
☐ University Park Campus
☐ Virtual Academic Center

Full-time ☐ Part-time ☐

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Self-portrait by a 15-year-old trafficking victim “Kala”