

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE COURSE

Simmons College
Graduate School of Social Work
Spring & Summer 2008

SW 553M: International Social Work: Understanding Social Welfare, Advocacy, and Social Action from a Global Perspective

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DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:

This course is designed to allow students to learn about international social work, social welfare policy, advocacy and social action practices from a global perspective. In this course students will learn about international social work, social welfare, advocacy and social action from a global perspective, using principles of social justice, human rights, and development as the overarching theoretical frameworks. The course will include content on topics and themes ranging from colonization, globalization and its impact on Third World countries, development and sustainable development, oppression, discrimination, racism, rights of women and girls, education, and health care.

The course will include a three-week study abroad component to Ghana, W. Africa where students will learn about social work practices from a global perspective with visiting a Third World, developing country. The travel abroad will allow students to gain direct exposure to a people, their culture, and worldview very different from one's own, and to learn about and compare how social work, advocacy, and social action are practiced in that country.

STUDY ABROAD WILL INCLUDE A 3 ½ WEEK TRAVEL TO GHANA, W. AFRICA.

DATES OF TRAVEL: May 28, 2008 – June 23, 2008

ESTIMATED COST: Approximately **\$3800.00**, airfare included.

¹Program costs include:

- Hotel double occupancy lodging
- Air conditioned rooms
- Outdoor Swimming Pool
- Most meals (all breakfasts & most dinners)
- Local, ground transportation
- Group excursions to major historical sites (museums, etc)
- Agency Site Visits
- Guest Lectures/Seminars
- Service Learning/Field Placements

The cost is based on a minimum of 12 participants. Maximum number of participants is 15. Course open to Simmons School of Social Work students only.

¹The package price does not include tuition, passport fees, health preparation, inoculations, personal expenses, single accommodations, additional excursions, entrance fees, lunches and additional meals, or transportation not associated with the course.

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The course will include a range of Seminars dealing with a variety of topics, agency site visits, and a service learning/field placement component. Seminar topics, agency site visits, and visits to historical sites in Ghana will include, but not limited, to the following:

SEMINAR TOPICS

- Overview of Social Welfare & Social Work in Ghana, and social action to affect change
- Colonial & Post Colonial Ghana
- Political and Economic System of Ghana
- Health Care, Medicine, and Traditional
- Marriage, Family & Child Policy of Ghana
- Violence against Women
- Poverty
- Women, Girls, and Development
- The effects of globalization on Third World Countries
- Other

AGENCY SITE VISITS (Tentative Sites)

- Ghana Police Department & Domestic Violence Unit
- Gender Centre
- Children's Orphanage
- Elementary & Secondary Schools
- University
- School for the Deaf & Blind
- Hospital(s)
- Teshie Ghanaian Fisherwoman Village
- Refugee Resettlement Camp

HISTORICAL SITES

- Kwame Nkrumah
- WEB DuBois
- Museum of Ghana
- Prempeh II Jubilee Museum
- Kakum National Park
- Cape Coast & Elmina Castle
- Kente Cloth weaving
- NTONSO Adinkra Duro printing
- Woodcarving & sculpturing site
- Rural Village
- Other