



GLOBAL PROGRAMS COURSE FACT SHEET

Finland: Social Work From a Global Perspective

SPRING/SUMMER 2018 DATES
<p>Course Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rovaniemi, Finland: Tentative: May 23 – June 6 or 7, 2018; U.S. departure around May 20.• Four Pre-departure meetings in Philadelphia/online during the Spring 2018 semester (exact dates TBA)
<p>Travel Dates</p> <p>This class travels as a group; however students must independently purchase airline tickets for the specific flights indicated by the professor. Probable departure date is Sunday, May 20, 2018. The group leaves together from JFK. Students arrange their own transportation to the airport. Students are not required to return home on a specific flight and may choose to stay in Finland or travel elsewhere after completion of the program. All transportation in Finland during the program is included in the cost.</p>
APPLICATION
<p>Application Deadline December 1, 2017</p> <p>Application Process Students must complete the online application in order to be considered for the course. If needed, interviews may be conducted by the professor, Dr. Stanley Witkin. The online application can be accessed through the Global Opportunities webpage.</p>
COURSE DESCRIPTION
<p>Social work has become an international profession. This course, located primarily at the University of Lapland in Rovaniemi, Finland, offers a unique opportunity to study social work with others from various parts of the world. We learn about social work in different countries, discuss similarities and differences regarding social issues and practices, participate in cultural events, and experience the magic of the midnight sun above the arctic circle. Part of this course involves travel to social service agencies in northern Finland and a two day stay near Utsjoki, the northernmost municipality in Finland where the majority population is indigenous Sámi people. The course also includes a trip to Helsinki, where we will visit social service agencies and cultural centers in Finland’s largest metropolis.</p>
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
<p>The International Summer in Rovaniemi, Finland, provides a unique opportunity for students and professionals in social work and related fields to explore the meanings, practices and implications of social work and social welfare from a global perspective. A multinational cohort of students and faculty create an enriching environment for expanding and deepening understanding of global issues.</p>

Through lectures, small group discussions, agency visits, excursions, and informal interaction, students and instructors from different countries learn about the issues and challenges faced by human services professions and organizations and the innovative programs to meet and enhance individual and social life. In addition, participants have opportunities to learn about the progressive social welfare system and social work services in Finland.

PREREQUISITES

Eligibility

- Students do not need to speak a foreign language in order to participate in this course.
- This course is open to social work students who are in good academic standing. If space allows, other Penn students with relevant backgrounds in human services may apply to the course.

In order to participate in this course, students will need to:

- Complete the Acknowledgement of Risk Form
- Complete the Health Form
- Have a valid passport
- Submit their travel details in Penn's Global Activities Registry

HOUSING AND MEALS

Housing

Students will stay in hostels. Hostel Rudolf in Rovaniemi and Hostel Academica in Helsinki. There are generally three people to a room with a shared bathroom.

Meals

While students are attending lectures/workshops at the university, they are responsible for all meals. The university offers discounted lunches for students (about €5.50/meal), or students can pack their own lunch.

During travel, some meals are provided for students (and covered by the program fee). When meals are not provided, students may go grocery shopping or eat in a restaurant.

PROGRAM DESIGNATIONS

MSW Program

This course fulfills a general elective requirement in the MSW program. It does **not** count as a clinical practice elective, macro practice elective, policy option, or research option.

Global Human Rights Certificate

This course is **not** pre-approved to fulfill any requirements for the Global Human Rights certificate.

COSTS AND FEES

Tuition and Fees

- Students are charged regular SP2 course tuition for this class.
- In addition, students are charged a \$1300 program which covers lodging, travel within Finland, required museum fees, and some meals.

Students also pay for the following on their own:

- Airfare
- Costs associated with obtaining appropriate vaccinations
- Food not included in the program fee (estimated to be *at least* \$150 - \$200, according to past students)
- Souvenirs
- **Incidental expenses (estimated \$50) such as occasional shared taxis**

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial Aid

This course is part of the **Spring 2018** schedule and will be billed accordingly. SP2 scholarship awards are applied to fall and spring semester bills, so students who are taking this course as part of their degree requirements and wish to have a portion of their award applied to the summer must notify the financial aid office by email at finaid@sp2.upenn.edu.

SP2 Student International Travel Fund

SP2 students may be eligible to receive an award from the SP2 Student International Travel Fund to offset a portion of the cost of airfare/program fee if they have financial need. Students apply for a travel award when they apply for the course, and they will be notified of their travel award amount before they need to commit to the class. Students who receive this award will have it distributed as financial aid and it is posted to the student's financial aid account in the term in which the course is offered.

QUESTIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions about the course, online application and travel awards

Contact Emily McCully, Associate Director of Academic Affairs, at emccully@upenn.edu

Questions about financial aid

Contact the Office of Financial Aid at finaid@sp2.upenn.edu