



GLOBAL PROGRAMS COURSE FACT SHEET

SWRK 749: Civil Society Promoting Coexistence and Peace in Israel

SUMMER 2018 DATES

Course Dates

- Dates in Jerusalem, Israel: May 25 – 31, 2018
- Pre-travel course sessions at Penn: Eight weekend hours (dates TBA)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

SWRK 749 offers a unique opportunity to experience the challenges and complexities of coexistence in Israel, the Holy Land for Christians, Jews and Muslims; a key point of interest and dispute for the international community, and the homeland shared and claimed by both Israelis and Palestinians. The course will focus on activities carried out by nonprofit organizations operating within the Israeli civil society, dealing with issues related to co-existence and to the protection and advancement of the civil and social rights of different populations, with special emphasis on the Arab-Palestinian population in Israel. These activities include educational and social services programs, community work and advocacy activities, aimed at creating dialogues and building co-existence among the different populations in the Israeli society and in Palestine. The course includes 2.5 days of getting to know the country and organized tours around Jerusalem and the Jordan Valley. The onsite program is a combination of lectures, guest speakers, tours, and discussion groups.

PREREQUISITES

Eligibility

- Students do not need to speak a foreign language in order to participate in this course.
- Any Penn graduate student may apply for this course. Applications from upper-division undergraduates will be reviewed on a case by case basis.
- Students must be open-minded and have an appreciation for different worldviews and opinions.

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

- Have a valid passport. Most students from Western countries do not need a visa.
- Submit photo and information to Hebrew University as requested.

Prior to departure, students will need to submit the following paperwork to SP2:

- Health Review Form (with a health professional's signature)
- Liability Form
- Registration in Penn's Global Activities Registry

HOUSING AND MEALS

Housing

Students will live at the Meiersdorf House Hotel on Mt. Scopus. Rooms are shared and breakfast is included. The final cost will be about \$60 (triple room); \$75 (double room); or \$100 (private room), and is not included in the program fee.

Meals

The hotel price includes daily breakfasts, and two or three dinners are provided by the program. Students are responsible for all other meals.

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 \$975 program fee to cover the costs of guides, lecturers, transportation in Israel, the tours, and meals that are part of the official course itinerary.

Students also pay for the following on their own:

- Airfare from the United States (or your point of trip origin) to/from Tel Aviv, Israel (estimated to be \$1400, but this can vary widely)
- Visa application for those who come from non-Western countries
- Meals/food not included in program fee (estimated to be between \$200 - \$400)
- Hotel (estimated to be about \$60-100 per night, based on the number of people per room)
- Money for activities or excursions in which students may wish to participate during free time
- Money for souvenirs, etc.

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

- Contact Dr. Ram Chnaan, course instructor, at cnaan@upenn.edu

Questions about the online application, course registration, 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