



GLOBAL PROGRAMS COURSE FACT SHEET

SWRK 748: Microfinance and Women's Empowerment in India

WINTER 2017/18 DATES
<p>Course Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In Mangalore, India: December 30, 2017 – January 8, 2018• Pre-travel course sessions at Penn: November 7: 6:00 – 7:30 PM; November 20: 6:00 – 7:30 PM; November 28: 6:00 – 7:30 PM; December 7: 7:30 -9:30 PM <p>Travel Dates</p> <p>Students will need to leave the United States no later than December 28 in order to arrive in Mangalore, India by December 30.</p>
COURSE DESCRIPTION
<p>SWRK 748: Microfinance and Women's Empowerment in India examines microfinance and its engagement with marginalized communities, such as those in India. It is designed to provide students with an understanding of the phenomena of microfinance and its role in poverty alleviation. By studying the use of self-help groups with NGO facilitation, their impact on women's empowerment will be examined and understood through interaction with women engaged in microfinance activities.</p>
PREREQUISITES
<p>Eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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. <p>In order to participate in this course, students will need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have a valid passport and visa• Register in Penn's Global Activities Registry <p>Prior to departure, students will need to submit the following paperwork to SP2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health Review Form (with a health professional's signature)• Liability Form•
HOUSING AND MEALS
<p>Housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students will stay at Nitte University's accommodations for the entirety of the course. Students will be expected to share a room.

Meals

Most breakfasts and dinners will be provided at the Guest House and the cost of these meals is included in the program fee. All other meals will be either on your own or in a group (such as during field visits), and students will be responsible for the cost of these meals (they are not included in the program fee).

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.

MSSP Program

This course is pre-approved to count as an elective in the MSSP program.

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 \$700 program fee to cover the cost of local guides, travel expenses for field visits, group activities, and lodging and meals at the guest house.

Students also pay for the following on their own:

- Airfare from the United States (or your point of trip origin) to/from Mangalore, India (estimated to be \$1800, but this can vary widely)
- Visa application fees
- Personal expenses while in India, including food not covered in the program fee (estimated to be \$150 total)

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial Aid

SP2 students who are taking this course as part of their degree requirements will receive their regular financial aid allocation towards the tuition for this course. This course is part of the **Spring 2018** schedule, so billing and financial aid distribution will be in accordance with the spring schedule.

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 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. Femida Handy, course instructor, at fhandy@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