

Columbia University Social Work Practice and Refugees Course and 2019 Spring Break Trip Application

The course is open to 15 students and enrollment is based on an application process. Applications are open to all students, but priority will be given to students who are in their last two semesters of coursework. The course will cover history, global and local response to refugee crises, as well as social work practice with refugees and displaced persons in Turkey and/or Greece. Turkey/Europe deal and the relevance of these two countries in the response to the refugee exodus will be explored. Currently the trip to and project in Turkey or Greece is planned. By applying to this course, you agree to sign up for the course that will travel to Turkey or Greece. Given the current political climate and uncertainties (potential ban on US visitors to Turkey), the course team is developing collaborations in both countries and will have a plan for various scenarios. Therefore, you must be comfortable to be assigned a project in the country of your choice or availability.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 @ 6PM VIA EMAIL:
socialworkwithrefugees@gmail.com

Please write in the subject line your full name and the word "application"

Please fill all sections of the application. For questions please use ONLY the space provided. No attachments, resumes or letters. Use Times New Roman, 11 font size. *Applications that do not follow this format or instructions will not be reviewed.*

I. Personal Information (*required information*) - If you are selected, the spelling of your name as written below (and in your passport) will be used for visas and tickets. Please write neatly and accurately.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

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| Citizenship: | Country of Origin: | Gender Identity: | Expected graduation date? |
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Date of Birth (month/day/year): _____ Place of Birth (city / country): _____

Are you a full time MS student? Yes No Online / Residential student (circle one)

If not, please indicate your status as a student? _____

If you work please indicate your current occupation: _____

For all students: List below Medical Conditions or Dietary Restrictions that the professor should be aware of when traveling abroad, for example, celiac disease, extreme allergies, etc.

For all students: Current placement and brief description of your responsibilities:

For second year or advanced standing students: Previous placement and brief description of your responsibilities:

Have you ever traveled to Turkey and/or Greece? Yes No

Do you have a passport? Yes No If yes, indicate from which country? _____

What is your passport's expiration date _____

Mailing Address

Address : _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code : _____

Home phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____ Email: _____

Work phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____ Email: _____

II. Social Work Academic Program (*required information*) - Please check ONE of each below.

What is your method? (Check ONE from this list)

- Advanced Clinical Social Work Practice
- Advanced Generalist Practice and Programming
- Policy Practice
- Social Enterprise Administration
- TBD (1st year students only)

What is your field? (Check ONE from this list)

- Aging/Gerontology
- Children, Youth, and Families
- Contemporary Social Issues
- Health, Mental Health and Disabilities
- International Social Welfare and Services to Immigrants and Refugees
- School Based and School Linked Services
- World of Work
- TBD (1st year students only)

III. Professional Experience – List your 3 most recent relevant work experiences, with the most recent first.

| Name & Type of Organization | Job Title & Dates of Employment | Job Responsibilities | Paid or Volunteer |
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IV. Education - List all higher educational institutions you have attended, beginning with the one attended most recently, NOT INCLUDING CUSSW.

| Institution & Location | Major Field of Study (area of specialization) | Degree / Diploma | Dates of Study (starting & ending month / year) | Date Diploma Received (or expected) |
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***The following information is used to collect data for the future members of the class, but language and international experience are not requirements for acceptance into the course**

V. Language Ability - Rate your reading, writing, comprehension and speaking skills in each language you know. Please state what is your native language. Use the ratings of *Excellent, Good, Fair, or Poor*.

Native Language: _____

| Language | Reading | Writing | Comprehension | Speaking | Did you take classes on this language? Yes or No. If yes, for how many years? |
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VI. International Experience - Please indicate relevant travel, study, or work you have done outside your home country.

| Country Visited | Length of Stay | Dates | Travel, Study or Work |
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VII. Recommendations Reference- It is possible that we might want to contact one or more professors for a verbal recommendation. Please ask a professor if they will be willing to be contacted as a recommender for this course and trip. Once they have agreed, please include the following information.

RECOMMENDATIONS

| | NAME | Course/Courses or work you have done with the professor | Contact Information |
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VIII. Questions: Please answer these questions within a 250 word limit per question

1. Do you have prior working or other experience with refugees, asylum seekers, stateless or displaced persons?

2. Why do you wish to be involved in a course that focuses on refugees and displaced persons? How do you think learning about this population would impact your social work practice?

3. Explain how your background, education, professional experience and/or travel experience have prepared you to take this course and trip.

4. What would you like to gain from this experience?

5. Do you have any research /evaluation/program design experience? Please indicate your skills

6. Throughout the semester, students participating in this course will collaborate with a Turkey/Greece-based agency on a project that supports the agency’s mission and work with refugees and the host community. Discuss an area within the refugee response (such as education, health, labor, mental health, youth etc) that you can contribute to and potential projects that you would be interested to work on.

7. Do you have preference in working with agencies in Greece/Turkey? Please elaborate.

IX. Certification - I certify that the information given in this application is complete and accurate.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

SUBMIT BY: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2018 BY 6PM TO THE FOLLOWING EMAIL ADDRESS:

SOCIAWORKWITHREFUGEES@GMAIL.COM

PLEASE WRITE IN THE SUBJECT LINE YOUR FULL NAME AND THE WORD "APPLICATION"
