





MODERN DAY SLAVERY: COMBATTING TRAFFICKING THE PHILIPPINES

Introducing MSW students to human trafficking and modern-day slavery and the global innovation and advocacy efforts underway to combat it.


Utilizing a comparative perspective, participants will explore innovation and social change strategies currently in place in the United States and the Philippines to disrupt human trafficking and modern day slavery. The program will begin with pre-immersion virtual intensives followed by ten days in the Philippines, where participants will be immersed in the social, cultural and political life of the country. Students will be asked to select either an innovation or a media for social change track.



Site visits to social service, community and human rights organizations, as well as cultural excursions.



A two-day workshop on examining and creating social solutions to trafficking, working with grassroots community-based initiatives, social service agencies, policy specialists and public officials.



Lectures from faculty and guest speakers, discussion panels, experiential and reflective exercises and group-based assignments.



Who can participate?

The program is designed for a limited number of graduate-level social work students on a rolling admissions basis. All campus-based and VAC students who have successfully completed all foundation/generalist practice requirements are eligible to apply. Students who are especially interested in innovation or film (media for social change) are encouraged to apply.

Will I get credit for the program?

If you are enrolled in the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work, you will receive 3-unit credits for completing the program.

What if I am taking 15 units of credit during the spring semester?

If you are a student in the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work and are enrolled in 15 units during the spring semester, you will not need to pay additional tuition for the required 3-unit course.

Will this program help my chances of finding a job?

Employers, regardless of profession, are eager for employees who bring new and innovative approaches that are shaped by experiences in non-traditional classroom settings.

Is financial aid available?

If you are receiving or are eligible for financial aid, you may be able to apply it toward this program. For details, contact the School's Scholarship Programs Office.

Where will we stay?

Students will stay at a hotel that is central to site visits and agencies.

How much will the program cost?

Program costs include accommodations (double-room occupancy), daily breakfast, weekday lunches, local transportation during program hours and field excursions. In addition, costs include a program administrative fee. Other fees are additional, including tuition for a required 3-unit course and a health insurance policy if not enrolled in the mandatory USC student health insurance plan and covered by the international study abroad option. All participants will be responsible for their own roundtrip airfare from Los Angeles to Manila, dinners, weekend lunches, non-program related transportation and other incidentals. Students will also be required to have a valid US passport for travel.

For additional information, please contact:

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“ As my first international experience, this trip was most definitely life changing. **Each opportunity presented made an impact on my personal ideas and beliefs and the world around me.** I was so impressed and overwhelmed by the giving spirit that the Filipino people demonstrate day in and day out. Despite their personal experiences, hardships, or poor conditions that they may face, the country's people maintain an attitude about others and their lives that is significantly optimistic and resilient.

DORIAN WADE

2017 MSW Student
USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work



“ It was a wonderful experience that has expanded my learning scope into the field of human trafficking but most important it has introduced me to the wonderful resiliency and culture of the Filipinos. I found many connections in this country. Perhaps it was the deep infiltration of the colonization of the Spaniards or the strength of the people... one thing I can say for sure is that **it has been a life-changing experience and I am grateful for the opportunity, the people I met, and the stories shared.**

JESSICA ORELLANA

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