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.
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.

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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.

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