



Los Angeles

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Short-term Faculty-led Study Away Program • Summer Semester • July 23-30, 2014

Course Name: **Immigration and Political Relations in Greater Los Angeles**

Course Numbers: **PLS 497/797**

Special Topics (Three credit hour integrated service-learning study away course for undergraduate and graduate students).

Credit Hours: **3** undergraduate/graduate

Course Overview & Objectives:

This course provides students the opportunity to apply theories of group political and social behavior through the guise of executing a series of programs sponsored by the City of Los Angeles Human Relations Commission (City HRC) and its community partners. These programs are focused on providing outreach and facilitation to the growing immigrant (and mainly Latino) population in Los Angeles and the southern California region. Given the controversy and competing policy perspectives on national and regional immigration policy, this course provides students the opportunity to see how local government interfaces with members of these vulnerable and under-represented communities first hand. Students will also take part in data collection pertinent to City HRC's mission (under the supervision of the Program Director, who also serves as City HRC policy advisor).

Program Fee: \$970

Program Fee Includes: Round-trip airfare, lodging, ground transportation for program-related events, daily breakfast and lunch, 2 dinners, and Study Away fee. Separated costs not available.

Program Fee Excludes: Remaining meals, incidentals/misc personal expenses, and souvenirs. MSU tuition for 3 hours of undergraduate/graduate credit. Both Missouri residents and non-residents pay the MO resident per-credit-hour tuition rate, per University policy.

Applications are due by April 30, 2014. A nonrefundable deposit of \$145 will be billed to your student account March 3, 2014. Please see Application & Payment Procedures for MSU and Visiting Students on reverse.

Scholarship Eligibility & Financial Aid

Students may apply for the College of Humanities and Public Affairs Study Away scholarship. Applications are due to the Study Away office by April 11, 2014. Please see the scholarship page on the Study Away website. Additionally, students who receive financial aid may apply aid to this program. Contact the Office of Financial Aid at 836-5262 for more information.

Informational Meeting:
February 6, 2014

Application Due:
April 30, 2014

Pre-Travel Class Meetings:
**June 10, June 11, June 12,
June 17, 2014**

Depart Springfield for Los Angeles:
July 23, 2014

Depart Los Angeles for Springfield:
July 30, 2014

Post-Travel Meeting:
TBA

Interested in going?

Contact the Program Director,

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Course Schedule & Itinerary

PRE-TRAVEL MEETINGS

Dates and activities subject to change.

June 10, 2014: Program intro and course readings.

June 11, 2014: Modern day Los Angeles and course readings.

June 12, 2014: Challenges for Los Angeles minorities and course readings.

June 17, 2014: Prep for program trip departure.

STUDY TOUR

Dates and activities subject to change.

July 23, 2014: Fly from SGF to LAX.

July 24, 2014: Briefings with City HRC personnel, LA City Hall.

July 25, 2014: Immigration policy project, Day 1 (Watts).

July 26, 2014: Visit Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, Simi Valley.

July 27, 2014: Free day.

July 28, 2014: Briefings with LA City Housing Department personnel; Immigration and CSW policy project (Venice).

July 29, 2014: Immigration and CSW policy project (Pacoima).

July 30, 2014: Visit Richard Nixon Presidential Library, Yorba Linda; Fly from LAX to SGF.

Course Credit & Requirements

The following are in addition to the service-learning reflection journal required of all students:

- **Outlines:** Students will be required to distill assigned article readings into condensed (one-page) outlines using a rubric provided by the Program Director to ensure ready access during the LA field work. Due date is prior to departure for LA. (15 percent of course grade)
- **Paper:** In consultation with Program Director, students will be required to identify a policy area for further study in their academic work at Missouri State University. Identification will be based on application of assigned readings and field-based experiences in LA. Students will submit proposed area as part of a 3-5 page write-up, due by July 30, 2014. Graduate students will be required to develop a 7-10 page write-up according to these criteria, and identify how academic research on their policy area might be effectively conducted. (50 percent of course grade)
- **Field reflection:** Students are required to participate in all program activities, including five structured field reflection sessions facilitated by the Program Director during their time in LA. (35 percent of course grade)

Required text: Students will be required to read approximately 22 selected journal articles on the issues of inter-group relations, political minorities, the political history and group dynamics of Los Angeles, and modern US immigration policy (program director will provide list). These readings will be assigned and completed prior to the pre-travel research orientation.

Assessment of learning: Students will receive a letter grade based upon their participation in all facets of the course.

Application & Payment Procedures

Missouri State University students and others who are approved by the Program Director may apply. Instructions are included on the program application. Please provide proof of medical insurance.

MSU Students: A non-refundable deposit of \$145 will be billed to your University account April 30, 2014. You will receive a second billing on May 23, 2014 and a final billing on June 20, 2014, for the balance of the program fee (\$825). MSU course tuition will be billed to your University account and is due according to the University payment plan.

Visiting Students: A non-refundable deposit of \$145 (check or money order) must accompany your application (deadline April 30, 2014). A check or money order for the balance of the program fee (\$825) and MSU course tuition will be due by May 16, 2014.

IN ORDER TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION IN THIS STUDY AWAY PROGRAM, THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE PROGRAM FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 6, 2014. PAYMENT CAN BE MADE ONLINE OR AT THE BURSAR'S OFFICE.

Estimated program fees are based on rates in effect on the publication date of this flyer and may be subject to change. Program participants agree to a potential increase of up to 10% if rates increase before or during travel.

Cancellation & Refund Policies

- Students who withdraw prior to June 18, 2014 will receive a refund of fees paid, less the \$145 deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.
- If a student is forced to withdraw after June 18, 2014 for a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the \$145 deposit and expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.
- Students withdrawing voluntarily after June 18, 2014, or withdrawing due to medical reasons not protected under the fees refund policy, receive no refund.
- Once the program has started, no refunds will be issued under any circumstances.
- All notifications of withdrawal must be made in writing and sent to the Program Director and Director of Study Away Programs at the Study Away Office, Jim D. Morris Center, Suite 403. Non-payment of fees does not guarantee automatic withdrawal.



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