

Israel Study Abroad Winter 2013

Social Issues in Israel: Policies and Practice Responses (19:910:959)
A Crossroads of Religions, Ethnicities, Social Services, Cultures, and Civilizations

For social work undergraduate and graduate students, and for upper division undergraduate and graduate students in other fields.

Dates: December 29 - January 12, 2013

About the Program: This course will focus on the delivery of human and social services to diverse populations, including children, the elderly, disabled, immigrants and refugees. Attention will be given to the challenges presented by Israel's diverse ethnic, political, and religious populations. Special workshops will be offered in the field of Gerontology and Creative Art Therapy. This study tour provides the opportunity to experience a unique cross-national experience. The group will meet with social workers, administrators and university staff and faculty. We will tour NGO's and governmental facilities, providing students with the opportunity to learn and explore how social services are provided in Israel. In addition, the program will include visits to sites of cultural, historical, and religious significance.

Course of Study: Upon completion of the study and tour and the required assignments, participants will receive 3-course credits from Rutgers University. Participants who choose not to receive academic credit may earn continuing education hours. Transcripts will not be released until all financial obligations related to the course are met.

Program Estimated Costs: The estimated cost of this trip, not including airfare, will be \$2,935 for New Jersey residents and \$3,250 for non-New Jersey residents. This includes tuition for three credits, housing, orientations and basic medical insurance. Also included are scheduled group trips to Haifa, Tel Aviv, Eilat, Beer Sheva, Jerusalem, Capernaum, Bet Shean, Caesarea, the Sea of Galilee, Masada, the Dead Sea, the Mediterranean Ocean, and the Red Sea. In Jerusalem visits will include the Old City, the Western Wall, the Dome of the Rock/Temple Mount, the Holocaust Museum, Yad Vashem and the Markets.

Housing and Meals: Participants will stay in double occupancy hotels throughout the study tour, with breakfast included. Participants will enjoy freedom to dine out and try a variety of ethnic dishes at their own expense.

Program Administration: This trip will be co-led by the following School of Social Work faculty: **Ayse Akincigil, PhD**; **Bert J. Goldberg, MSW**; and **Karen A. Zurlo, PhD**.

Priority Application Deadline: October 1, 2012. Applications are accepted until the program is full. Applications are available at studyabroad.rutgers.edu. You must include your most recent transcript, a one-page personal statement, and one letter of recommendation from a professor. An application fee of \$35 is required.

"Going to Israel was the experience of a lifetime. It broadened my horizons and opened up my eyes to many new facets of social work. I would absolutely recommend going!"

-Deborah Atzbi

