This program will give you a well-rounded and first-hand view of social work as it is conceived of and delivered in France and other European nations. Through interaction with professionals, government officials, educators, activists and local students, you will be exposed to different approaches and practices in the realm of human services. Our spring-only 16-credit program is designed for students who are majoring in social work, child and family studies, or other disciplines related to human services.

SWK 328 Human Diversity in Social Contexts (3 credits)

As a social worker, how do you ethically and effectively engage with people who are different from you? How does your own social location in terms of race, class, gender, sexuality, age, (dis)ability, and other factors affect the way you view problems and solutions? In this course you will take on these questions as you learn about the broad spectrum of human diversity and the ways in which structural inequalities as well as forms of discrimination and privilege produce real-world consequences.

SWK/CFS 470 Experience Credit (3 credits)

This course offers students studying social work, child and family studies, and other disciplines related to human services, families, or human development the opportunity to study comparative paradigms for interventions, and observe the delivery of services in France. You will visit human services agencies and meet their professional staffs, and participate in immersion and collaborative experiences with French students pursuing similar degrees at institutions of higher education in Strasbourg and Mulhouse, France.

French language, various levels (3-4 credits)

The main goal is to develop the practical skills you will need to communicate in a French environment: listening and speaking skills, use of idioms, vocabulary acquisition, etc. Teachers regularly take their students to explore local markets, museums and other points of interest in Strasbourg.

PSC 400.3 European Identity (3 credits) Signature Seminar

You will travel to France, Holland, Belgium, and Germany to learn how traditional national identities are being transformed both by the increasing power of the supranational European Union and by the presence of large immigrant populations. Special emphasis will be placed on the question of multiculturalism in the societies of Western Europe.

OTHER COURSES

You will enroll in one elective course (3 credits) at the SU Center, with the option of doing a 1-credit community internship. For students with basic French, placements are available in local schools; for students with more advanced language skills, you may be able to intern with government and community organizations that work with refugees and immigrants, victims of domestic violence, etc.

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