

ROME

new adventure awaits

Interested in learning about how different countries provide psychological and social services? Come to Rome this summer and study with students and faculty from around the world!



COURSE INFORMATION

- **Course title:** International Approaches to Social Issues
 - We will focus on how different countries address common social issues, including child welfare, aging, and substance misuse.
 - Students and faculty from Italy, Czech Republic, the US, and potentially Korea and Peru, will attend together and learn from each other.
- **It is a three credit summer course** – students pay for the course like any other summer course.
- **It is a hybrid course** – the first part will be asynchronous online. The second half will be the 10 day course IN PERSON in Rome. BOTH parts are required.
- **Dates for the IN PERSON in Rome are:** July 6–16, 2025.
- **All classes will be in English.**
- The deadline for course registration is April 10th, 2025.





TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

- All students are responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from Rome, including flights to Rome and then transportation to the Rome Center from the airport.
- There are taxis and Ubers that can take students to the Rome Center from the Rome airport, but the staff at the Rome Center can also arrange transportation if preferred. Students would pay for this option.



HOUSING/FOOD INFORMATION

- **Students stay at the CUA Rome Center**
 - The costs for staying at the Rome Center are estimated to be \$1000 per person for the room and breakfasts and lunches.
- **At the Rome Center**
 - There are singles, doubles, and triple rooms available. Students can choose, but may not be guaranteed their first choice. It will depend on availability.
 - Meals are included in the \$1000 payment . Breakfast and lunches are served and the staff can accommodate virtually every dietary restriction.
 - There are also refrigerators and microwaves available at all times.
- **The Rome Center is a fully gated campus** in Trastevere with 24 staff/security.
- **There is free laundry, Wifi, and printing.**
- It is walking distance to MANY restaurants, grocery stores, cafes/bars (which is a cafe in Italy), public transportation, parks, and easy access to the main sites of the city.





QUOTE FROM STUDENTS

EWHA GRADUATE STUDENT 1 (FROM KOREA)

THE SHORT-TERM TRAINING PROGRAM IN ROME WAS MORE THAN JUST AN ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE; IT WAS A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE AND COMPARE SOCIAL WELFARE PRACTICES ACROSS DIFFERENT COUNTRIES.

BY ENGAGING WITH PROFESSORS AND SCHOLARS FROM VARIOUS NATIONS, I GAINED FIRSTHAND INSIGHT INTO HOW CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS INFLUENCE WELFARE SYSTEMS. I ALSO REAFFIRMED THAT SOCIAL ISSUES ARE NOT CONFINED TO A SINGLE COUNTRY BUT ARE SHAPED BY COMPLEX SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND HISTORICAL FACTORS ON MULTIPLE LEVELS. IN PARTICULAR, I WAS STRUCK BY THE NECESSITY OF ADOPTING A MULTINATIONAL PERSPECTIVE RATHER THAN A SINGLE-COUNTRY APPROACH WHEN ADDRESSING WELFARE CHALLENGES. THIS EXPERIENCE HAS REINFORCED MY COMMITMENT TO RESEARCHING AND PRACTICING SOCIAL WELFARE WITH A BROADER, MORE GLOBAL OUTLOOK, STRIVING TO DEVELOP SOLUTIONS THAT TRANSCEND NATIONAL BOUNDARIES.

EWHA UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT 2 (FROM KOREA)

WHAT IMPRESSED ME THE MOST WAS NOT ONLY THE PROFESSORS' EXPERT LECTURES BUT ALSO THE DISCUSSION-BASED CLASSES, WHICH WERE DESIGNED TO FOSTER A DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF AND EMPATHY FOR THE SOCIAL ISSUES AND REALITIES OF DIFFERENT COUNTRIES. THE LIVELY DISCUSSIONS THAT FOLLOWED EACH LECTURE ALLOWED ME TO ENGAGE WITH DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES AND DEVELOP NEW WAYS OF THINKING. ADDITIONALLY, COLLABORATING WITH STUDENTS FROM VARIOUS BACKGROUNDS TO EXPLORE SOLUTIONS TO SOCIAL ISSUES WAS A VALUABLE LEARNING EXPERIENCE. (I WILL STRIVE TO APPLY THESE INSIGHTS TO PRACTICAL SOCIAL WORK EFFORTS. THANK YOU FOR ORGANIZING SUCH A MEANINGFUL PROGRAM.)



QUOTE FROM STUDENTS

"Choosing to enroll in the Rome course was one of the best decisions that I made in 2023. Because I am completing my MSW online, I rarely have the opportunity to engage with other students in a dynamic way. Traveling to Rome allowed me to connect with not only fellow CUA students, but students from around the world. I learned valuable information through this course that I don't think I could have learned in any other course offered by NCSSS. If you have the ability to take this course, I would highly encourage you to enroll!" -Kaitlyn Herrera Catholic University of America

"Attending the International Responses to Social Issues course in Rome in July 2024 was a unique and enriching experience. I had the opportunity to engage with social work students and lecturers from different countries. The activities were varied and stimulating, the campus experience was even more engaging because of the opportunity to bond with other students, sharing not only the training but also moments of free activities. It was surprising to discover that despite cultural differences, there are points of contact in the application of theories and intervention strategies. This course allowed me to broaden my view on different social work issues and to understand how each country addresses social challenges with specific approaches"

Ilaria, Catholic University of Milan - Italy

**Any other questions? Ask Melissa Grady
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