DEADLINE EXTENDED!
APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 4TH

Fall 2015 Graduate Study-Abroad Course: UAPP 667-011-15F (1 Cr.)
Case Study: Policy Management in Seoul / Seoul Field Trip
Travel dates: October 16-25, 2015

The application deadline for this program has been extended. Additional applications will be accepted until September 4, or until all available spaces have been filled, whichever comes first.

Program Overview

This graduate study-abroad program examines the metropolitan city of Seoul, Republic of Korea, as a case study in urban governance and management reforms for global cities in the 21st century. This one-credit course includes an intensive one-week field trip to Seoul in addition to pre- and post-field trip class meetings, research and writing assignments. The field trip to Seoul, October 16–25, 2015, is hosted by the Seoul Metropolitan Government (SMG) and the University of Seoul (UoS). It will include several sessions each day with SMG officials, UoS faculty, and other experts, as well as daily visits to a variety of municipal facilities. We will be there with groups from Portland State University, Cornell University, and the University of Central Florida. This program is open only to graduate students, including students in SPPA's accelerated (4+1) MA and MPA programs. Interested graduate students from non-SPPA degree programs should contact the program director to discuss their potential eligibility to participate.

The SMG will pay for seven days' hotel accommodations (double occupancy) and meals during the site visit to Seoul. Participating students will be responsible only for the costs of U.D. course tuition, transportation to and from Seoul, accommodations for the eighth night in Seoul, and incidental expenses as appropriate. Total program participation costs other than U.D. tuition are estimated not to exceed $2000 per student, including transportation to and from Seoul, one additional night's lodging and meals, the $250 mandatory SPPA program fee, and miscellaneous expenses. Study-abroad scholarships may be available to cover a portion of those costs for eligible SPPA graduate students, subject to SPPA policy and funds availability. Students must execute all required agreements, complete all course requirements, and meet all deadlines in order to participate in the trip and to receive SPPA financial assistance. Only graduate students enrolled in one of SPPA's own graduate-degree programs are eligible for these scholarships.

Course Requirements

(1) Prepare for and participate actively in four pre-field-trip class sessions,
(2) Participate in the Seoul Field Trip hosted by the University of Seoul, October 16-25,
(3) Keep a journal of your daily experiences and reflections during the Field Trip, to be compiled and turned in by November 11, and
(4) Work with your classmates to prepare and deliver a mid-November public presentation.

Approximate Program Schedule

Monday, May 18 - Friday, September 4, 2015: Application deadline. Applicants will be notified about their program-acceptance and scholarship status by September 8.
Tuesday, September 8: Deadline to submit participation agreement and other forms, $250 deposit, and course registration. Begin securing any necessary visas, permissions and any other documents required for you to travel to South Korea from the United States and back. Each student is responsible for having a valid passport and obtaining his/her own appropriate travel documents.

September – October: class meetings and discussions.

Friday, Oct. 16: Depart. We'll meet in the morning in Newark for a shared shuttle van if flying from a New York- or Washington-area airport, or at Philadelphia International if flying from that airport.

Saturday, Oct. 17: Arrive at Incheon airport (ICN); ground transfer to hotel in Seoul.

Sunday, Oct. 18: Orientation tour of Seoul's city center, led by our hosts from SMG and UOS.

Monday, Oct. 19 – Friday, Oct. 23: Lectures, meetings, and site visits organized by UOS and SMG. Note that these will be very full days, running 10 to 12 hours each.

Saturday, Oct. 24: A day on your own, for sightseeing or other activities of your choice.

Sunday, Oct. 25: Depart from Seoul; arrive in the U.S. by late afternoon or evening.

November – December, 2015: debriefing session(s); final report and public presentation.

Application Guidelines

The application deadline is May 18 HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO SEPTEMBER 4, 2015, but early applications are encouraged. Available spaces will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Deliver your completed application forms (one for the trip itself, another for scholarship assistance if you are an eligible SPPA graduate student) in hard copy to Professor Justice’s mailbox (183 Graham Hall, School of Public Policy and Administration, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19716) or as a scanned PDF file to justice@udel.edu (be sure to use an informative subject line that refers to "Seoul Field Trip"). September applicants will be notified of admissions and scholarship decisions by September 8.

Please note that only graduate students (including undergraduates who are enrolled in SPPA's accelerated, 4+1, MA and MPA programs) are eligible for this course and trip under the terms of SPPA's memorandum of understanding with SMG and UoS.

Registration Procedures

In order to participate in the program, all accepted applicants MUST sign participation agreements, register for the designated one-credit course (UAPP 667-011), and meet all conditions specified in the Participation Agreement Form by Monday, September 7, 2015. Your forms must be accompanied by a program fee check for $250 payable to University of Delaware and delivered to the SPPA office by 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

For Forms and Further Information

See http://www.sppa.udel.edu/content/international-graduate-study-abroad for additional information, forms, and updates, and/or contact the Program Director, Professor Jonathan Justice (+1-302-831-1682 or justice@udel.edu).