Global Service Learning Course
Graduate & Advanced Undergraduate Students
Negros Island, Philippines
January 2016

This cross-disciplinary course will engage University of Baltimore students in one of the greatest challenges of our time: elimination of global poverty through women’s economic development and entrepreneurship. Graduate and advanced undergraduate students specializing in business, non-profit management, I/O psychology, global affairs and human security, and negotiation and conflict management will be challenged to apply what they’ve learned during their UB studies, working with Professor Emerita Christine Nielsen on the delivery of a Learning to Livelihood program for those living in poverty in a remote area of Negros Island, Philippines.

Course Description

This study abroad course fulfills the requirements for:

MGMT 796/MGMT 496: Global Business Practicum (3 credits)

Prerequisites: Specialization in an eligible program. Eligible students include business, I/O psychology, nonprofit management, global affairs and human security, and negotiation and conflict management. Upper-level undergraduates (MGMT 496) will be considered on a space available basis.

Dates of Travel: January 9-17, 2016

Course Application and Registration

1. Get approval from your program director/advisor: Lisa Park (Business); Samuel Brown (Nonprofit Management); Sharon Glazer (I/O Psychology); Ivan Sascha Sheehan (Global Affairs and Human Security; Negotiation and Conflict Management).

2. Complete the Global Service Learning Philippines application and scholarship form available at the following website: http://www.ubalt.edu/merrickglobal.

3. Submit application to Lisa Park, assistant dean (lisa.park@ubalt.edu). Deadline: Friday, Sept. 11, 2015

4. Meet with Dr. Nielsen for a personal interview.

5. Acceptance based on evaluation of all of the above.

6. If accepted, students register for MGMT 796 (or 496) for the Winterim 2016 session.

Course Description and Outcomes

Students will play crucial roles in operational and strategic aspects of a Learning to Livelihood (L2L) program for women living in extreme poverty. Students will apply what they have learned in their UB studies, working with local university students, conducting interviews, assisting participants through a livelihood selection process, and developing sustainable business models for participants and NEW Pathways. Learning outcomes and deliverables will be based on each student’s specialization and career interests.

Travel Cost

Estimated costs for air travel, lodging, and local transportation are estimated at approximately $2,250. The UB Fund for Excellence will award ten travel scholarships of $1,500 toward expenses on a competitive basis. Other travel grants may be available. Please contact Lisa Park for additional information (lisa.park@ubalt.edu). In addition to travel costs, students are responsible for tuition and fees for a 3-credit course.

Instructor: For more information contact Prof. Emerita Christine Nielsen, course instructor, at cnielsen@ubalt.edu.

Information Sessions

September 3, 2015, 4:30–6 p.m. in BC 143
September 3, 2015, 8:30–9:30 p.m. in BC 143

Travel Fee Payment Schedule for tuition paying students.

Initial Deposit: $750 due Thursday, October 1, 2015
Final Payment: $1,500 due Monday, November 2, 2015

Course Registration Deadline: Students will be given permission to enroll in MGMT 796/496 during the Winterim 2016 session. This permission will be given when registration opens for the Winterim session and after the initial deposit has been paid.

Required Pre-Travel and Post-Travel Meetings:

Required Pre-Trip Meeting: Date/location TBD
Required Post-Trip Meeting: Date/location TBD
Reception will feature students’ learning experiences.

Course Tuition Due: Per Winter 2016 academic calendar

Required Post-Trip Reception Presentation: TBD, will feature students’ learning experiences.

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1 L2L is offered by NEW Pathways to Enterprise™, a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization founded by Dr. Nielsen and her husband. 2 Travel payments are non-refundable. Students are responsible for other expenses, such as meals, travel and health insurance, incidentals, inoculations, passport fees, and tuition and fees associated with this course. 3 Final payment amount is dependent upon scholarship award.