



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Did you know that Tacoma was first referred to as the City of Destiny in 1874? Come join us for an engaging course in Tacoma's historic hilltop neighborhood in J-Term 2016. The field of social work offers a lens for us to explore, examine and engage our community in meaningful ways. Whether you are considering the field of social work or looking to critically examine how communities function, this course uses theory and practice to explore service, social justice and community development.

We will learn more about the hilltop community through interesting films and articles, provocative discussions with community leaders, fascinating field trips to restaurants, parks and community art projects and working with agencies responding to pressing concerns in our community.

Course Topics:

- Social Justice/Power/Privilege
- Housing/Gentrification
- Education/The achievement gap
- Asset Based Community Development
- Community Organizing/Advocacy

Open to all students (including first year students)!



January Term on the Hilltop

Tacoma



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS*

- Walking and bus tours in Tacoma's neighborhoods
- Community Conversations with Tacoma leaders
- Working with Tacoma agencies focusing on education, food access, employment and health care
- Exploring Tacoma off the beaten path (parks, restaurants, historic buildings, etc.)

*May be subject to change

Educating to achieve a just, healthy, sustainable and peaceful world, both locally and globally.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

ACADEMICS

- SOCW 175 (A, SO)/491 -- 4 credits
- Social Sciences (SO) GenEd Alternative Perspectives (A) GenEd
- Prerequisite: NONE

Check the Wang Center/Study Away Website for final pricing.

Fees generally include the following (check website for more details):

- Ground Transportation
- Some meals

- November 20, 2015 - Extended application deadline (\$50 non-refundable application fee)
- Application review and acceptance is on a rolling basis during the extended deadline period
- November 30, 2015 - Confirmation deadline (\$75 confirmation deposit)

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