Intensive Summer Course on Migration and Refugee Studies in Greece

2022 Program

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THE COURSE

The Harvard François-Xavier Bagnoud (FXB) Center for Health and Human Rights, in collaboration with the Refugee and Migration Studies Hub at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece, and with the support of the Harvard Center for Hellenic Studies in Greece and the US is offering a three-week intensive, interdisciplinary course on migration and refugee studies. Building upon the extensive experience and expertise of both institutions on migration and refugee studies, the course is organized around a rights-based curriculum that draws on legal, medical, environmental and broader social science approaches to migration policy and practice. It is designed to offer participants both conceptual and practical engagement with key issues related to contemporary forced migration.

The course will include lectures, seminars, interactive class sessions and fieldwork. It will be held in three sites, two of which play a very significant role in the management of distress migration in Greece and Europe as a whole – Athens, Nafplio and the island of Lesvos. Expert lecturers will include leading scholars, politicians, leaders of international organizations, civil society organizations and migrant/refugee groups. One of the key benefits of this course is that successful applicants will have the opportunity to interact with local human rights organizations and discuss challenges and practices grounded in field-based realities.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Students enrolled in any Harvard graduate school (including PhD candidates) are eligible to apply. Enrollment is limited to 15 Harvard students. Successful applicants will join another 15 students from European Universities. In addition to the 30 students, the program will include as students two refugees or asylum seekers currently residing in Greece and interested in enrolling in the course.

Harvard students with a refugee background and demonstrated financial needs are eligible for the Albina du Boisrouvray Scholarship offered by the Harvard FXB Center. Additionally, the Harvard FXB Center is offering Financial Aid to successful applicants with demonstrated financial needs, regardless of background. The amount of Financial Aid will be determined on a case-by-case basis. For more information visit the course’s webpage.

COURSE CREDIT

Students have the option of selecting this course as Independent Study and will receive course credit to be applied to the Fall ‘22 Semester. We will work with Harvard Graduate students and their respective Schools to facilitate this process.

APPLICATION PERIOD

Students can apply for the program starting December 20th. Applications will remain open until February 15th. Application forms can be found here. Successful applicants will be notified on March 1st.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

For a detailed description of the course, application process and course logistics visit the course’s webpage.

If you have any questions, reach out to the Harvard Program Director Vasileia Digidiki (vdigidik@hsph.harvard.edu).

IMPORTANT DATES

- December 20th, 2021: Application process opens.
- February 15th, 2022: Application process closes.
- March 1st, 2022: Notification of successful applicants.
- March 20th, 2022: Payment of deposit of $550 to secure place in the program.
- May 15th, 2022: Payment of full amount.
- July 9th, 2022: Departure to Athens.
COURSE INFORMATION

Course Dates:

Location:
Greece: Athens, Nafplio, Lesvos.

Participants are responsible for securing their required visa and other travel documentation.

Eligible to Apply:
Students from all Harvard graduate schools as well as Harvard PhD candidates.

Course Credit:
Graduate Students can choose this course as an Independent Study Credit for course credit in the Fall 2022 semester. (The costs of an independent study are included in Harvard tuition and therefore will not add to the Summer School costs).

Application Period:

Cost of Participation:
$3,300 USD

Harvard University Core Faculty:
Professor Jacqueline Bhabha, Professor of the Practice of Health and Human Rights, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health & FXB Center Director of Research.

Dr. Vasileia Digidiki, Program Director and Harvard Instructor, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

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