

Sweden

Information Session
Wed Oct 28th
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Global Healthcare

HCM 205
Spring Semester 2010

Visit Sweden during Spring Break 2010
Feb 27-March 7, 2010

Earn **3** credits studying
Healthcare in other countries
& the United States

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Now that the United States has begun to debate how it should provide healthcare services, recognizing that US citizens pay more per capita for healthcare than any other country, yet have mediocre health status (we rank 37th behind Cuba) maybe we should learn what other countries do? A group of Immaculata students will be traveling to Sweden during spring break in 2010 to see Sweden and learn from the Swedes what they do and how they do it. The Health Science and Services Department @ Immaculata University is sponsoring the trip in conjunction with a new course HCM 205 Global Healthcare (3 credits). This first time class will conduct an intensive study of Sweden's healthcare system and the health status of its people. The group will be based in beautiful Stockholm. The program entails visiting Sweden's leading hospitals & health policy agencies including the Karolinska Institute home of the Noble Prizes. The group will speak with leading doctors and nurses, government officials, and other representatives.

The trip leader and instructor for the course is Eric E. Anderson, Ph.D. Chair of the Department and a nationally known expert on healthcare management. Students will have a chance to conduct independent research on a topic of interest and so compare the United States with Sweden and other countries. Students must have a valid passport, be in good health with no limitations in mobility. Mastery of Swedish is not necessary, as all activities will be conducted in English. The group will meet briefly several times prior to departure, and fly from the US to Sweden. The trip itself occurs during spring break so students will have limited interference with other spring semester courses. Extra cost is involved, over and above tuition for Spring Semester. The exact figure will be determined early in 2010 and depends upon the number of students traveling. A minimum number is needed in order to conduct the trip. Based upon this number the cost of the trip will be approximately \$3,000. It may be less if a larger number of students participate. Although Healthcare Management students have priority, any Immaculata student is eligible. A deposit of \$1,000 is due by December 1, 2009 in order to hold one's space. Several orientation sessions (see notice elsewhere in the Immaculatan) are being planned to acquaint those interested with the scope of activities and requirements. This is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity. Because of its fierce independence and diplomatic neutrality for over 200 years, Sweden is a unique world citizen. Its people are well traveled (for thousands of years) sophisticated and open minded. The trip details are handled by ISP-International Study Programs, an international company specializing in educational trips based in Europe. Students interested should contact the Health Science & Services Department at X3312.