New York University  
Department of Applied Psychology

Family Dynamics and Childhood Psychopathology:  
Cross-Cultural Perspectives

NYU Tel Aviv Summer Program Abroad  
Tel Aviv, Israel

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Earn 6 credits in a month by enrolling in this two-course summer program:

E63.2684: Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling  
E63.2181: Psychological Disturbances in Children

Both courses in the program will be taught in a synthesized unit, using various populations in Israel. Taking a cross-cultural perspective, we will examine the effect of different parenting and family styles.

This is a graduate program of the Department of Applied Psychology at NYU. However, upper-level undergraduates and students from other universities are welcome to enroll (with proper background and approval from their advisers). All applicants will be interviewed by the professor and/or the TA before being accepted to the program.

The program courses combine lectures, discussion, and field visits. We will have lectures covering basic concepts, interview families of different cultures, and listen to presentations by experts in child pathology, cross-cultural family dynamics, and trauma.

Participants will meet with the professor and the TA several times during the spring of 2009 to discuss the program requirements in detail. This will maximize the time for field visits in Israel.
Requirements

In order to gain an understanding of the results of the family interviews we will conduct in Israel, and to get the most out of the lectures and seminars, you will be required to do preparatory work in the Spring. This includes:

1. Readings,
2. Completing several questionnaires and scoring the scales measuring your own relationship and coping styles,
3. Administering questionnaires to a couple and scoring the scales measuring the couple’s relationship and coping styles.

In Israel, we will review the questionnaire results and learn how to interpret them according to the course readings and lectures. The final project will consist of an analysis of your own results and those of the couple.

Required Books


DSM-IV-TR. 4th Edition. APA.

Course Requirements:

1. Completion of Workbook Assignments for each class session.
2. Completion of Log and Process Summaries for each Field Site Visit.
3. Project (Due Date: three weeks after our return to the US)
4. Final Exam (To be taken anytime up to six weeks after our return to the US)

Extra Credit (for the brave): Completion of additional Workbook items.

Accommodations: Anyone who has a disability which may require some modification of seating, testing, the presentations, or other class requirements should make arrangements with the professor before the program begins.
**Tentative activities**

- Visiting major religious and cultural sites.
- Lectures and orientation at a major child psychiatry hospital.
- Interviews and visits with Russian, Ethiopian, & migrant families.
- Holocaust Study Center tour and special lecture.
- Interviews with Chassidic families.
- Group interview with modern Israeli families.
- Field visit and interviews at an absorption center.
- Joint seminar session with Israeli graduate psychology students.
- Interviews with Arab families in Yafo and the Galil.

**Tentative Schedule of Guest Presenters and Site Visits**

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Safety

Our program and itinerary will adhere to the safety guidelines established by the State Department of the United States and the NYU Office of Public Safety.

Housing Accommodations & Meals

Students will stay in double occupancy rooms at a modern, well located Tel Aviv guest house. Breakfast and dinner are included.

Detailed Syllabus & Course Schedule

You will receive a detailed Syllabus & Course Schedule at your first meeting with the professor and TA. If you want this syllabus and course schedule earlier, you may request it at any time via e-mail.