

Program fee \$1,950 includes: **

- ✚ Six nights in a 3 star Swiss hotel
- ✚ 6 breakfasts, 5 dinners
- ✚ Academic program in Switzerland
- ✚ Local Alpine guide and lift passes
- ✚ Medex insurance

**Air transportation (approximately \$1,200) and rail pass (approximately \$325) not included in the program fee.



Meet your faculty

Dr. Mary Stuart, Director of UMBC's Health Administration and Policy Program

Dr. Michael Weinrich, Physician and scientist

Dr. William Shewbridge, Director of UMBC's New Media Studio

Ms. Janet McGlynn, Director of Communications, UMBC Office of Undergraduate Education

Ms. Katie Birger, Coordinator, UMBC International Field Research Program

UMBC International Field Research Program

\$1000 Fellowships Available

For more information and a printable application visit
ifr.umbc.edu
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Switzerland 2015



IMPORTANT DATES

- Dec 3** Applications and \$200 deposit due to ADMIN 222. The full deposit will only be refunded to students not selected.
- Dec 10** Applicants will be notified of selection
- March 13** Remaining program fee of \$1750 due
- June 22** Arrive in Kandersteg, Switzerland by noon for IFR program
- June 28** Depart Kandersteg and return to the US, or extend your stay in Europe



Introduction to International Field Research

HAPP/SOCY 403/663

Introduction to International Field Research

3 credit Culture GEP/GFR

PHED 121

Conditioning for alpine hiking (optional)

1.5 credit PHED GEP/GFR

Apply by December 3

Meet Spring semester at UMBC

Travel to Switzerland

June 22 - June 28, 2015

Extend your stay

You may wish to extend your stay in Europe. Students will have an opportunity during the spring semester to discuss possibilities for extended travel and research.

For undergraduate and graduate students considering careers in health, aging, public policy, information systems, education, computer science, media, business, science, engineering, research, museum studies, global studies, and cultural resource management



Switzerland, a country of stunning mountain vistas, truly lies at the crossroads of Europe. It is among the top-rated countries in the world with regard to health care, environmental policy, public transportation, infrastructure, live-able cities, and healthy lifestyles. This experiential learning program applies an ecological framework to better understand how culture, policy, and practice interact to achieve a sustainable and healthy society.

UMBC's Swiss field research program is based in Kandersteg, nestled in the Swiss Alps, and rated "One of the top 1000 places to see" in the world! From this base, students travel to nearby cities to complete their field research. Highlights can include day trips to Geneva, Zurich, and Bern, as well as hikes to glaciers and historic alpine settings.

During spring semester students study a variety of research methods, complete background research, and write a research paper as part of a weekly seminar class. They are assigned to a research team based on their topic, and select related field research exercises to complete in Switzerland.

Why Switzerland?

A lifespan approach to health and aging

How do public policy, clinical practice, and personal choices interact to help individuals of all ages maintain healthy lifestyles? How does stress management affect health and quality of life? How can we be more sensitive to the complexity, interactivity, and cultural diversity of communities, both urban and rural?

Environmental sustainability and climate change

Switzerland is one of the top rated countries for environmental policy. Climate change has far reaching implications for the environment, including accelerating glacial melt, water supply, disaster preparation, infrastructure investment, and the economy, making Switzerland a microcosm for studying the environmental sustainability.

Cultural heritage, politics, and national identity

Switzerland is comprised of four geographic regions with different languages. Governance is decentralized and the economy is one of the strongest in the world. The Swiss are reported to be one of the happiest of populations. How do they do it? What are key factors in their success?

Disaster aid and international relief

Switzerland has long been a leader, internationally, in supporting organizations dedicated to humanitarian aid and relief work. The World Health Organization, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, and the Conference on Disarmament are headquartered in Geneva, as well as the International Red Cross/ Red Crescent.

Science and medicine: technology, revolution and societal change

Switzerland has a history of scientific innovation including the Large Hadron Collider, a world class transportation system, pharmaceutical research, and famous historical figures such as Einstein, Paracelsus, and Carl Jung. This team studies the context and consequences of major changes in science, medicine, and technology.

Arts and the humanities

The arts and humanities challenge us to understand what it means to be human. Visit Roman ruins, retrace the footsteps of famous authors, visit castles and cathedrals, or research community music and art. Use your Swiss Pass for access to numerous museums and cultural opportunities!