This is a study abroad course for graduate students in the School of Social Work. Participants will read two books, Cuban Revelations and Race in Cuba, meet four times during the spring semester, and travel to the historically rich city of Havana, Cuba, for nine days. While there, students will learn about Cuban social conditions and services in order to complete a research paper upon their return to the United States.

For more information and to apply for the program visit [www.abroad.pitt.edu/cubansocialpolicy](http://www.abroad.pitt.edu/cubansocialpolicy)

Approximate cost: $2200

Application deadline: November 5, 2017

If you are interested in participating in this trip, or learning more, please contact the Center on Race & Social Problems at crsp@pitt.edu or 412-624-7382
Program Overview

Cuban Social Policy Issues is a Center on Race and Social Problems study abroad course for graduate students in the School of Social Work. The objectives are to carry out first-hand observation of social issues and policy in Cuba, enhance understanding of the ways in which Cuba formulates and implements policies aimed at contemporary social issues, and learn about alternative policies, programs, and services that might be useful in the U.S.

Academics

This one-credit course will be offered during the spring term. The course will focus on several different fields, such as education, jobs, poverty, housing, health, mental health, race, gender, and social work. Students will meet in Pittsburgh four times before traveling to Cuba. At these meetings students will discuss two books on Cuba and view two videos. Each student will choose a social issue of interest and gather information on the topic throughout the course. After returning from Cuba, each student will write a research paper on the social issue in Cuba, how it is addressed through policies, programs, and organizations, and possible lessons for the U.S.

Highlights

Students will leave for Havana, Cuba, at the beginning of the spring break recess and will remain there for nine days. The visit will consist of lectures by and meetings with key officials and social service providers as well as field trips that offer opportunities to observe social conditions and services.