HPAM 7650 OR HPAM 3650: COMPARATIVE HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS IN EUROPE

The goal of this program is to provide students with an immersive experience in comparative healthcare by comparing and contrasting European and U.S. healthcare systems. Students will visit three countries to explore the

- history of the development of healthcare
- how the healthcare system has evolved over time
- the role of government in healthcare
- the relationship between culture and health
- the current trends and state of healthcare in each country

Students will be exposed to the different challenges and solutions to healthcare in Europe, including healthcare delivery, organization models, funding models, workforce issues, and outcomes.

ELIGIBILITY
Eligible students have satisfactory academic disciplinary records. No prerequisite classes are required. Enrollment is a maximum of 30 students and a minimum of 15 students.

The U.S. ranks as the 35th healthiest country in the world while European countries rank among the highest due to their quality of healthcare systems.

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ADMISSIONS
Admissions are rolling after the Nov. 1st decision date. Only applications marked “complete” by that time will receive a decision. Decisions will be sent via the [studyaway.uga.edu](http://studyaway.uga.edu) application portal. Students have 2 weeks to accept or decline an admission offer. Students who accept the offer must pay a non-refundable $300 deposit within 2 weeks to confirm their program place. Priority will be given to graduate students and upper-level undergraduate students until Nov. 1st. If a deposit is not made within 2 weeks of committing to the program, a student from the wait list will be added and the original accepted student will be put on the wait list.

ACCESSIBILITY
If you receive disability-related accommodations at UGA or if you anticipate needing accommodations at your overseas site, arrange them with your study abroad program director and the Disability Resource Center. Please provide information about your accommodation needs at least 4 weeks prior to departure.

IMMUNIZATIONS
There are no required immunizations for most of Western Europe. However, there are recommended vaccinations for most locations (Hepatitis B recommended for all destinations). The Travel Medicine Clinic at UGA provides personalized international travel consultations for students on general health risks of travel, contracting disease and prevention. Call 706-542-5575 for appointments and fee information or visit [www.uhs.uga.edu/services/travelclinic.html](http://www.uhs.uga.edu/services/travelclinic.html). The CDC provides information on current health problems of your host country on [wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list](http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list).

ACCOMMODATIONS INCLUDE 3 STAR HOTELS OR TOP RATED HOSTELS LOCATED IN THE CITY AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST. STUDENT ACCOMMODATIONS ARE DOUBLE- OCCUPANCY

ROME, ITALY
- Ranked 2nd on Bloomberg’s Healthiest Country Index
- Arrive May 11th
- May 11th-May 16th: class, guest lectures, and visit to healthcare facilities
- May 15th: excursion to Tuscany

SWITZERLAND
- Ranked 5th on Bloomberg’s Healthiest Country Index
- May 17th- May 21st: class, guest lectures, tour of local university
- May 18th: excursion to mountains

LONDON, UK
- Ranked 19th in Bloomberg’s Healthiest Country Index
- May 22nd- May 27th: class, public health conference, visit to psychiatric hospital
- Depart May 27th

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PROGRAM COSTS
The cost of attendance will provide dollar estimates for the duration of stay. Basic cost breakdown for study abroad includes a program fee of $3,950.00 and additional costs for:
- Tuition and fees for academic courses
- International airfare estimate
- Personal spending estimate

Speak with a UGA Financial Aid Advisor about how to apply the HOPE scholarship and other financial aid to study abroad expenses.