

CULTURAL IMMERSIONS

About the Seminars

The Center for Global Education at Augsburg College is pleased to offer cultural immersion seminars designed to introduce participants to diverse communities within the Twin Cities.

Cultural Immersion: Somali Community
Minneapolis is home to the largest Somali population in the U.S.

This immersion may include:

- Walking tour of the Somali community, including visiting a mosque, a community center, and a shopping district
- Discussions with members of a women's organization
- Talks with an Imam, a Somali religious leader, about Islam in the U.S.
- Dialogue with representatives from a community health care center
- Discussions with a community member about justice issues
- Exploration of generational issues with a community elder

Cultural Immersion: Hispanic/Latino Community

Learn about the diversity within the community, special issues Latinos face, and efforts within the community to retain various Hispanic/Latino cultures in a new setting.

Activities during this immersion may include:

- Tour of a commercial area primarily

developed by Hispanic/Latino businesses

- Dialogue with representatives of social service agencies to learn about healthcare, advocacy, and training needs
- Meeting with an individual who emigrated from Mexico to work in Minnesota
- An overview of the diversity in what constitutes the Hispanic/Latino community
- Discussion with a representative of the Mexican consulate in St. Paul

Cultural Immersion: American Indian Community

Minneapolis is home to one of the largest urban American Indian populations in the U.S. Participants will learn about efforts to reclaim indigenous culture and develop economically.

This immersion may include:

- Visit to the art gallery at the American Indian Center
- Learn about health care initiatives, including those aimed at women
- Participation in a pipe ceremony
- Discussion about economic development efforts on Franklin Avenue
- Exploration of an educational program developed for American Indian students
- Listen to a drum presentation

TWIN CITIES-BASED SEMINARS



Seminars available in Latino, American Indian and Somali communities

Who Should Participate?

The Center's Cultural Immersion seminars are open to the public, both individuals and groups.

The seminars will help participants to gain a better understanding of the various cultural contexts present in our community. Cultural Immersions would be particularly helpful to people who work with diverse populations, such as:

- Police officers
- Teachers and other educators
- Health care professionals
- Human resources professionals
- Social workers
- Lawyers and other working in the justice system
- Business owners and operators
- Supervisors, managers, and leaders

Benefits of Participation

The Center's Cultural Immersion seminars will help participants:

- Increase cultural competency
- Develop knowledge that will help them thrive in diverse workplaces and communities
- Demonstrate to current and future employers a commitment to work effectively with and alongside diverse groups

Cost

Each eight-hour seminar costs \$195/person (\$170 for current Augsburg College students, faculty, and staff). Fee does not include transportation or lunch.

If you register for all three Cultural Immersions, a 10% discount is available.

Large group discounts may be available. Please inquire with the Center before registration to determine if you qualify.

Continuing Education Units/Continuing Education Hours (CEUs)/CEHs) may be available for an additional cost. Please inquire if you are interested.

Dates

American Indian Immersion will take place June 8,9, or 10; please register with a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd preference

Somali Immersion will take place June 15,16, or 17; please register with a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd preference.

Hispanic/Latino Immersion will take place June 22, 23, or 24; please register with a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd preference.

Registration and Payment

Please visit <http://www.augsburg.edu/global/professionaldev/> for a registration form. Payment instructions will be available on the form.

Mission

The Center for Global Education at Augsburg College provides cross-cultural educational opportunities in order to foster critical analysis of local and global conditions so that personal and systemic change takes place leading to a more just and sustainable world.

Background

Founded in 1982, the Center is nationally recognized for its work in experiential, intercultural, and educational travel opportunities. More than 10,000 seminars have been coordinated, which are well-known and respected for exposing travelers to a variety of points of view, especially the perspectives of those working for justice and human dignity.

Affiliation

Augsburg College is a private liberal arts and sciences college in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Princeton Review featured Augsburg in its 2005 book, "College with a Conscience: 81 Great Schools with Outstanding Community Involvement."

For more information

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"Experiential education programs, like those run by the Center for Global Education, make it possible to see the world from a different perspective, and that is what will ultimately create a more global community..." [Former seminar leader and participant]