Global Leadership for Social Change–A Cedar-Riverside Immersion  
May Session 2012

Course Information and Student Application

Course Information
ID 3960: Global Leadership for Social Change–A Cedar-Riverside Immersion is a-3 credit May session course that parallels the immersion experience of study abroad. You will be learning and working in the Cedar-Riverside community and examining questions of leadership, power, cultural diversity, and social change. The course involves an exciting blend of community engagement, neighborhood excursions, readings, and lively discussions. In the community, we learn from organizers, social justice activists, businesses leaders, elected officials, and community residents.

The course includes a weekend residential component, engagement opportunities, a neighborhood theater performance, and meals at local restaurants.

Session Dates
May 19 – June 8, 2012

Student Eligibility
1. Must have completed at least 13 credits before May Session 2012
2. Demonstrate leadership capacity and intercultural understanding through application responses
3. Must be able to attend all components of the course including overnight residential component in Middlebrook Hall (Saturday, May 19–Sunday, May 20) and evening excursions
4. Must have a minimum GPA of 2.5

Application Deadline and Program Costs
Application deadline is April 1, 2012. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling admissions basis, and scholarships will be awarded in early April 2012.

The cost of the program is University of Minnesota tuition for 3 credits plus an additional $126.00 course fee to cover housing, food, a theater performance, and learning assessment tools.

A $250 confirmation deposit to secure your place on the program is due no later than April 13, 2012. The deposit is applied to your tuition costs for this program.

Scholarship Funding
Scholarships of $250–$500 to apply toward tuition and course fees will be available. Preference is given to students of color and international students. Eligibility is based on quality of application.

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General Information  Please print clearly

Name __________________________ Application Date ______________________

UofM Email __________________________ Phone __________________________

Student ID __________________________

Current Address __________________________

City __________________________ State _______ Zip __________________________

Major __________________________ Minor __________________________

Cumulative GPA __________________________

Number of credits completed by the end of Spring Semester 2012 __________________________

Applicant Questions

1. Write an essay responding to the following questions: What is your interest in this experience and how do you see it contributing to your academic, personal, and/or professional goals? (please limit to 100 words or less)

2. Please provide a summary of past and present activities relevant to the Cedar-Riverside Course. Possible examples of such experiences may include (but are not limited to) volunteer and service activities, academic courses, leadership roles, international experience, and involvement in cultural or diversity groups. (please limit to 100 words or less)

3. What skills, talents, experiences or strengths do you have that you think will make positive contributions to the community? (please limit to 100 words or less)

4. If you would like to be considered for the $250–$500 May Cedar-Riverside scholarships, please answer the following question. Describe the unique qualities you possess (e.g., ethnic, cultural diversity, special skill or talents, unique work or life experience, leadership achievements, or community involvement), and how these unique qualities would contribute to the diversity of the program. (please limit to 100 words or less)
Scholarship Information
Scholarships of $250–$500 are available to students based on eligibility and quality of application. Preference is given to students of color and international students. Students wishing to be considered for the scholarship must complete the additional essay question above.

Application Submission either:

By Mail:
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