

# GLOBAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IN ACTION – COMPARING AND CONTRASTING SYSTEMS IN THE U.K., NETHERLANDS AND U.S.

*Taught in Syracuse, London & Amsterdam  
May 26 - June 13, 2010*



**CFS 400.1/600.1 – Global Youth Development in Action- Comparing and Contrasting Systems in the U.K., Netherlands and U.S. (1 credit)**

This course is designed to provide students with knowledge about positive youth development. Specifically, students will learn about individual, family and community qualities that support adolescents in their journey to adulthood. There will be an emphasis on understanding how adults and various community programs provide the key components that are necessary for young people to successfully navigate their adolescent years. Best practices in the youth development field will be explored along with the importance of evaluating programs to identify effective interventions. Since youth development takes many different forms both in the U.S. and abroad, cross-cultural practices will also be studied and compared. In the U.K and the Netherlands, you will spend your time between seminar sessions and visits to youth centers with the goal of comparing these practices and contrasting them with those in the U.S.

**Class size is limited to 15 students.** There are no pre or co-requisites for this course. This is a one credit seminar that is connected to the 3 credit CFS 400/600 which will be offered in Spring 2010. **Permission of the Instructor** is required if students have not taken CFS 400/600 (however, students with related courses such as adolescent development will be considered for the course).

## Faculty

**Dr. Renie Kehres** is a Professor of Practice in the Child and Family Studies department in the College of Human Ecology. One of her areas of special interest is youth development. Before coming to SU she spent nine years coordinating a county-wide youth development coalition in Onondaga County that worked with over 60 youth agencies and school districts to bring best practices to the community. Dr. Kehres has co-authored a book chapter on Mobilizing Communities for Positive Youth Development: Lessons Learned from Neighborhood Groups and Community Coalitions in the Search Institute Series on Developmentally Attentive Communities and Society. She has also consulted with state and national organizations and conducted workshops and conferences on various topics related to positive youth development.

## Costs

The extra credit earned for a short-term program abroad is registered during the same semester as the related on-campus course(s)/ sessions. This means that SU undergraduates pay no additional tuition charge for the

overseas program, as long as they have not exceeded the 19-credit limit for the semester. Graduate students and non-SU students do pay a per credit tuition charge for the additional credit/s earned during the program abroad. The fee for the travel portion of the course is approximately \$4,570 and includes round trip transportation from a New York City airport to Europe, housing, some group meals, ground transportation, and entrance fees. It also includes all activities and services for which a separate fee is not charged. The final fee will be set once airfare and other expenses have been confirmed.

### **Application, Selection & Payment Procedures**

Students will be expected to submit the special application\* and a \$60 non-refundable application fee to SU Abroad by November 23, 2009. All applications will be reviewed by an admissions committee made up of Professor Kehres and a SU Abroad representative. Students will be notified of their acceptance by November 30. Upon acceptance, a \$500 non-refundable deposit is required to confirm your participation in the program. This is due within 10 days. Final payment will be due January 15, 2010.

\*New students should apply online at <http://suabroad.syr.edu>. For program please select “SU world partners” and state that you are interested in the Youth Development program in the essay section along with answering the essay questions. Students who have participated on an SU Abroad program may complete a returning SU Abroad applicant application.



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