

Restorative Justice: International Perspectives *December 6-19, 2019*

Courses Offered*: CJUS 3500 or CJUS 8220

**Students who do not need credit can audit the course for \$75*

Credit Hours: 3.0

Semester: Fall 2019; November 6 – December 19, 2019

Class begins on campus. Some coursework may be due after the New Year.

Faculty Leader: Dr. Joao Salm; jsalm@govst.edu

Students: Open to undergraduate and graduate students



Program Description:

This course will be an introduction to the global movement in restorative justice, focusing on its implementation in the United States and Brazil. Restorative justice is an approach to crime and misconduct that brings victims and offenders together in dialogue to identify the harm caused by the offense and how it can be repaired and how trust can be rebuilt. Restorative justice practices are used in criminal justice systems worldwide as well as in schools and communities. The course focuses on restorative applications and lessons from community, criminal, and educational systems within many global contexts beyond the United States and Brazil, including Canada, Great Britain, Rwanda, South Africa, Australia, Fiji and New Zealand.

We will explore how restorative justice has been implemented in the United States and Brazil, looking at the application and execution of restorative justice theory and practices in the judicial system, schools and civil society in the cities of Santa Cruz do Sul and Caxias do Sul. We will also explore how Brazilian history, context and rich culture have had an impact in the way we think of restorative justice.

Instructor:

Joao Salm is Assistant Professor Criminal Justice at Governors State University in Chicago. He continues to be a member of the steering committee of the Centre for Restorative Justice at Simon Fraser University, in Vancouver, Canada. He is also involved in international cooperation between Canada, the United States and Brazil in the area of Restorative Justice. Since March 2017, Joao has worked as a consultant to the United Nations Peacebuilding Fund in Guinea Bissau, Africa. Joao has also worked as a consultant for the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Fiji and the Solomon Islands, providing tailored technical support to public and non-profit organizations in the area of social and restorative justice. Since 2010, Joao has worked as a consultant to the Supreme Courts of the three main states in Brazil: Sao Paulo, Minas Gerais and Rio Grande do Sul. He has organized two of the main international symposiums on restorative justice in Brazil in 2010 and 2012.

PRELIMINARY TRAVEL SCHEDULE

Brazil December 2019

The following is the expected travel schedule for the restorative justice trip to Santa Cruz do Sul, Caxias do Sul, Gramado and Florianopolis.

The University of Santa Cruz do Sul (UNISC) is a communitarian, non-profit institution rooted in Santa Cruz do Sul/RS, where its main campus is located. In the state of Rio Grande do Sul, South of Brazil, the university has over 25 years of experience in higher education and units in different places of the state. This shows a steady growth brought by the implementation of new courses and the construction of new facilities. UNISC is sponsored by an organization with over 50 years experience in education called Associação Pró-Ensino in Santa Cruz do Sul (Apesc).

Nowadays, more than 10 thousand students circulate throughout UNISC's Campus. There are young people coming from different cities and regions. This proves the importance of the Institution for the development of the state.

UNISC will be our hosts and site for our short course with UNISC students/Faculty. UNISC will coordinate the placement of the students and each GSU's student will be placed with local host family. Local families will host the students for free. UNISC will also provide classroom space for our short course.

December 6-7 (Fri & sat): Flight: Chicago to Porto Alegre (POA) -> Santa Cruz do Sul

December 7 (Sat): Arrival in Santa Cruz do Sul.

- Transfer Porto Alegre to Santa Cruz do Sul (offered by UNISC)
- Welcome orientation by UNISC's International Office
- Meeting with local host families and free time

December 8 (Sun): Santa Cruz do Sul

Morning:

- City tour in Santa Cruz do Sul.
- Traditional Brazilian lunch (Churrasco) with host families

Afternoon:

- Free time

December 9 (Mon): Santa Cruz do Sul

Morning:

- Official welcome by UNISC's Dean and law Faculty
- Campus tour
- RJ class at UNISC
- Lunch on Campus

Afternoon:

- Research interaction- UNISC's Research will present the groups related to Law field

December 10 (Tue): Santa Cruz do Sul

Morning:

- RJ class at UNISC
- Lunch with members of Research Group in Law, Citizenship and Public Policies

Afternoon:

- RJ class at UNISC
- Visit to Forum of Santa Cruz do Sul

December 11 (Wed): Santa Cruz do Sul

Morning:

- RJ class at UNISC
- Lunch on Campus

Afternoon:

- RJ class at UNISC

December 12 (Thu): Caxias do Sul

Visit to the RJ project Justice for the 21st Century in Caxias do Sul. Meetings with Judge Leoberto and RJ staff Restorative Justice.

December 13 (Fri): Gramado

Day trip to Gramado.

Maybe evening: Flight to Florianopolis

December 14 (Sat): Florianopolis

The island of Florianopolis is the home city of Joao Salm and well-known tourist destination.

- Bus to Porto Alegre
- Flight from Porto Alegre to Florianopolis
- Sightseeing: Visit the many beaches of Florianopolis and the hippie and surfer's community of Lagoa da Conceicao.

December 15 (Sun): Florianopolis

Site seeing and visit to beaches.

December 16 (Mon): Visit to the Mont Serrat Community in Florianopolis

In Florianopolis, we will visit Father Wilson Groh, a Catholic priest and liberation theologian. He will educate us about his social justice work, based on Paulo Friere's *Pedagogy of the Oppressed*. We will tour Mont Serrat with Father Wilson, a favela which has been a role model of transformation to the rest of Brazil. We will spend time with the community leaders and also learn about their programs.

December 17 (Tue): Florianopolis

Sightseeing: Visit the many beaches of Florianopolis, the hippie and surfer's community of Lagoa da Conceicao.

Afternoon: Return to Porto Alegre

December 18-19 (Wed & Thu): Return flight to Chicago

Program Costs:**Cost:** \$2,000*

Included: Domestic flight, on-site transportation, cultural visits, accommodations, tour guides, some meals.

Not included: International Flight, tuition & fees, most meals, Yellow Fever & Typhoid vaccinations, tips & personal items.

Note: At UNISC, students will stay in homestays with host families. The other nights they will stay in shared hotel rooms which are split between males and females.

International Flights: Once program participants are confirmed, we will work on purchasing flights. Students will be informed of the flight itinerary that they are expected to purchase. Flights must be purchased by November 1. Flight costs typically range from \$1,200-1,500.

Application Procedure:

1. Fill out application form and deposit form. For Study Abroad Application & Scholarship instructions and forms, go to <http://www.govst.edu/ois/educationabroad/> or contact Assistant Director of the Office of International Services: Amy Soub; asoub@govst.edu; 708-235-7157
2. Schedule an appointment with Amy Soub.
3. Receive notification of acceptance. Faculty leaders make the final decision on the acceptance and may request reference or an interview with the applicant.

Application & \$500 Deposit Deadline: September 20, 2019

Other Payments Due:

October 15 - \$500

November 1 - \$1000 (Financial Aid & Study Abroad Scholarship can assist with this payment, if applicable)

GSU Study Abroad Scholarship: Typically awards between \$500-750 towards the program fee. Deadlines: September 15 or October 15

Vaccinations: None required to enter Brazil, however, GSU requires all participants to get the Typhoid and Yellow Fever vaccinations. Consult www.cdc.gov and your doctor about other vaccine recommendations such as Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B and Malaria.

Passport: Passport must be valid on the date of entry.