

SSG2104 How to Support Yourself While Living in a Foreign Country

Course Syllabus

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

This course is open for anyone to attend. It is designed for everyone interested in living abroad away from the familiarity of their homeland.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this course the student will find practical suggestions and examples of how to obtain work while living in a foreign country. Along with the necessary requirement of living as a foreigner in an unfamiliar land, students will be able to identify areas of law and culture that are necessary to understand in order to make a success of you time spent abroad.

You will consider potential areas or fields that you can investigate in order to gain employment that will support you in a foreign country. Certainly not a comprehensive list, but hopefully you will collect some ideas that you can investigate in order to find meaningful employment. This course will also consider what type of training you may want to gain before leaving your country and some of the challenges you will have to consider when searching for or creating work in your new country.

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

This class will familiarize students with the components of pointed internet job searches. The relevance of a well-structured resume and the importance of the observance of local law as a foreign national. By the end of this course all students should :

- Identify any advantages of living and working in a foreign country
- Examine cost of living differences compared to back home
- Know how to achieve a location independent lifestyle.
- Relate how to become what is called a digital nomad
- Create a career you can work at anywhere in the world
- Identify various areas or fields that you can explore to gain employment
- Consider what type of training you may want to receive before moving to a new country

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is mandatory for all students. Excellent attendance is imperative for mastery and application of the information dispensed. Whether you are sitting at a desk in a classroom or attending via Skype, your attendance is vital to your success. Late arrivals are distracting and disrespectful. Please refrain from being tardy.

Grades will be affected by absences and tardiness. Participation in class is a prerequisite. You learn from lectures, discussions and presentations.

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR

Students are expected to treat all persons with respect. We should all conduct ourselves in a courteous and responsible manner. Be considerate, you can disagree, don't insult.

Please set all your electronic devices to silent during class so as not to be a disturbance to others in the class.

TUTORIAL ASSISTANCE

We maintain an open-door policy for our students. We are absolutely willing to discuss any matter that may arise during the course. If you have any questions, problems, or need help with the course material, we urge you to reach out as soon as the issue arises. If you want to contest a grade, you must do so within 48 hours and put it in writing. Please ask your student advocate for help. If you do not have a student advocate send an email to: tutordept@usilacs.org.

NON-DISCRIMINATORY STATEMENT

All students regardless of age, race, gender, religion, physical disability, class, etc., shall have equal opportunity without harassment in this course. Any problems with or questions about harassment can be discussed confidentially via email at: hr@usilacs.org.

DRESS CODE

For students enrolled who are attending in a classroom or via Skype, please be sure you are dressed modestly and respectfully. Please refer to www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/business%20casual. NO short shorts or skirts. Avoid low-cut tops. We want to present ourselves in a dignified manner at all times.

NETIQUETTE

- Always read through all the comments of the class before responding. This will avoid duplicating comments or questions asked.
- Avoid language that could be offensive. All profanity is strictly prohibited. Remember that using all caps when replying online signifies shouting. This would be rude and combative.
- Be sensitive to the fact that there will be fellow students from all parts of the world with many differing backgrounds and languages. Remember that slang and idioms will most likely be misconceived and/or misinterpreted. These should be avoided.
- Respect others views or opinions.
- Be thoughtful of the privacy of others. Ask permission before sharing email addresses or other personal information.

- Do not forward inappropriate material such as: virus warnings, chain letters, jokes, etc. The sharing of pornographic material is strictly prohibited.
- Use good spelling and grammar. Avoid using texting shortcuts.
- Strive to compose your comments in a positive, supportive and constructive manner at all times.

Any of these offenses will be dealt with by the school disciplinary committee.

ADA ACCOMMODATIONS

All reasonable accommodations will be provided for students with disabilities. Any student attending USILACS who needs an accommodation due to a chronic challenge (i.e. blindness, deaf or hard of hearing, mobility issues, psychological, or learning disability), register with:

USILACS Registrar's Office
1221 Brickell Ave.
Miami, FL 33131
1-305-330-2202
registrarsoffice@usilacs.org

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY/CHEATING

We encourage collaborating with others, either in person or online, to study and learn. When you complete your assignments or your exams, however, the wording has to be your own.

Plagiarism is the theft of someone else's work and ideas. You are permitted to cite or even quote someone else, however, you must properly cite them. There are two accepted ways of doing this. They are known as Modern Language Association (MLA) or American Psychological Association (APA). You can visit www.citationmachine.net for help in correctly citing information.

As a school that strives to maintain high moral standards, we strongly caution our students to be ethical and honest. Endeavor to be honest in conducting yourself in regard to any coursework you accomplish or exams you may take. Cheating is a dishonest practice.

REFERENCE MATERIALS

The vast majority of textbooks are outdated by the time they are published. USILACS education programs are not based upon outdated printed textbooks. USILACS programs are based on the most accurate and reliable knowledge available; specifically, up-to-date vetted internet-based information.

For those who would like some reference or Internet search recommendations, we would recommend the following.

COMPLETE Moving Abroad Checklist: What to do Before you Move

How to Move Abroad with No Money |

U.S. Citizens and Resident Aliens Abroad | Internal Revenue Service

Working Overseas: 5 Websites to Find a Job Abroad

MINIMUM REQUIRED SUPPLIES

All students will need all of the following:

- Computer with camera, microphone, and speakers.
- Skype installed on the computer with an active Skype account.
- Internet
- Printer
- Notebook paper
- Pens/pencils

If the student does not have a computer or internet, there will be some available for use at the school in the computer lab.

GRADING SYSTEM

There will be three tests throughout the course. Each test will count for 33.3% of the final grade.

Grade	Percentage	Grade Point
A+	99	4.0
A	97	3.8
A-	94	3.7
B+	89	3.3
B	85	3.0
B-	81	2.7
C+	77	2.3
C	73	2.0
C-	69	1.7
D	66	1.0
F	59	0.0

All students must earn at least a “D” in order to pass the class.

ASSIGNMENTS

Language and transportation conversation due-

Research the language(s) used in the area you want to relocate to. Learn some initial greetings and questions you may need to get by. With another student from class do a skit where you are asking about public transportation options in the new language.

Culture paper due-

Learn and research about the cultural do's and don'ts in the country in which you wish to move. Write a paper describing the do's and don'ts and compare it to what you are familiar with. How will you adjust? This paper should be at least 1,000 words in length.

Visa paperwork and Housing information due-

Find out what you need to do in order to apply for a visa for your destination. Begin the process. Look into housing in the area you wish to move. How much will you be expected to pay for housing?

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

Week 1	Overview of course and coursework 10 Things to know before moving to another country
Week 2	Language Acquisition techniques
Week 3	Three ways to find a job in another country
Week 4	Complete moving abroad checklist <i>Language and transportation conversation due</i>
Week 5	Video review and Exam
Week 6	Working overseas/ Digital Nomad
Week 7	Cultural research
Week 8	How to move abroad with no money <i>Culture paper due</i>
Week 9	Video review and Exam
Week 10	U.S. Taxes Abroad for Dummies
Week 11	U.S. Citizens and Resident Aliens Abroad
Week 12	Cutting through the red tape while Keeping your ducks in a row <i>Visa Paperwork and Housing Information due</i>
Week 13	Video review and Final exam