



The Payson Center for International Development and the Newcomb College Center for

Research on Women (NCCROW) of Tulane University of New Orleans have opened admissions to their **Food Security Summer Studies** classes, which will be held in **Italy in May – June 2010**.

All courses worth 3 credits hours. Courses are only open to graduate students (advanced undergraduate subject to availability) and professionals.



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**Deadline for admissions is 1st of April 2010.**

Food security is becoming increasingly important on topics on the agenda. FAO has raised the number of estimated undernourished to 1 billion people.

Now is the time to build your skills and refine your understanding of international and local response to food insecurity.

These two classes provide a **theoretical background and practical skills** that can be applied for current professionals in food security or for graduate students interested in pursuing a career involving food security.

Specifically the skills and topics covered include: international food aid policies, international organization and food aid, food aid logistics, food security programming, vulnerability analysis, monitoring and evaluation of food security programs, history of food culture, gender analysis, food systems analysis, interaction between globalization, agriculture, food systems and impact on gender roles, food safety issues in and out industrialized processes, research on modern initiatives for healthy eating, uses of new media for local food promotions.

Italy was chosen as the site for this course because it is the home of the United Nations Organisms with a mandate related to food security (World Food Programme – WFP, Food and Agriculture Organization – FAO, International Fund for Agricultural Development – IFAD). The WFP is the food aid arm of the UN and is dedicated to meeting emergency needs and supporting economic and social development through food aid. The FAO leads international efforts to defeat hunger in both the developed and developing world and is the largest of all UN agencies. IFAD provides funds and loans for agricultural investment. Italy is also the place where the Slow Food movement has started, which has contributed importantly to bring on to international attention the issues of food security and food safety in the declination that they take in the developed world and in industrialized food system.

The two courses draws from these resources for fieldtrips and guest speakers. Italy, and Rome in particular where the UN organisms are, is also home to a number of great museums and ancient landmarks for interested students. Students will spend much of the course in Bolsena, an hour outside of Rome. Bolsena is located in the center of Italy on the banks of Lake Bolsena, Europe's largest volcanic lake. The city, founded in 265 BC, is home to a number of Renaissance constructions and historical sites.

Students interested in both courses can request assistance in organizing additional study visits or tourist and leisure activities in the week from 6 to 12 of June.

**Food Aid and Food Security in Humanitarian Settings IV edition**  
**23rd of May – 5th of June 2010**



*Students of the 1<sup>st</sup> edition visit the UN logistic hub in Brindisi*

This course will explore the dynamics of the use of food aid, the largest single component of humanitarian emergencies. The course will review policies that guide the use of food aid, as principal controversies surrounding the use of food aid in emergency and transition settings. The course will also explore assessment techniques used to gauge the vulnerability of affected populations and their

needs for food based interventions, as well as explore the food aid management system and its logistics. Field visits will be conducted to the principal UN Agencies involved in food aid (such as the WFP and the FAO) as well as diplomatic missions that determine food aid policies. Class will be broken up into morning lectures and assignments (from 9am-12pm) and afternoon field visits, group exercises, or guest lectures (from 2pm-5pm).

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**Food Security, Food Systems and Gender III edition**  
**13 – 26 June 2010**



Food centrality to health and culture, and its association with gender role differentiation in history is undeniable, yet in the world of globalization and rapidly transforming gender roles, the bio-social importance of food has been overlooked, giving rise to nutritional problems and the decline of food-related cultural practices.

The purpose of this course is to explore the complex relations among recent change in food systems,

evolving gender roles, and food security in developed as well as in developing countries, and to analyze the sustainability of key patterns of current models of development in relations with food.

This course combines formal didactic presentations, case studies, study tours and hands on food production and preparation exercises.

Planned activities include:

- > **Lectures of experts, practitioners, researchers and professors, Excursions** (UN organizations' HQs and Slow Food; local organic food producers and related commercial activities; gourmet kitchens, vineyards, olive groves)
- > **Practical laboratories** (cooking, horticulture, medicinal plants, new media communication)
- > **Other activities** (discussion groups, student leadership interviews, research projects, movie projections).

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## Food Security Summer Studies 2010 – Tulane University



### Housing and Classroom Facilities

Students will stay and attend classes at the 4-century old Convento S. Maria del Giglio on the banks of Lake Bolsena, a little over an hour outside of Rome, gateway to Tuscany. A vineyard, olive grove, and Etruscan tombs are located on campus. Transportation to and from Rome and surrounding sites is provided.

The courses will be held in the ancient Franciscan Convent S.Maria del Giglio in Bolsena, in the very center of Italy, at the junction of Tuscany, Latium and Umbria, about 70 miles north of Rome.

Overlooking the largest volcanic lake in Europe, surrounded by olive fields and vineyards, in the Etruscan land rich in food culture, history, art, archeology and natural resources, the Convent - managed by the non-profit association "Punti di Vista" - is an excellent environment for learning.

The simplicity and beauty of the spaces foster reflection, inspire conversations and facilitates conviviality among participants and panelists.

Rooms at Convent S.Maria del Giglio have been converted for individual accommodation with shared bathrooms.

Wireless Internet is available with personal laptop.

and coffee breaks. Rooms with a view are available at first come first serve.

Childcare also available with advance notice and at additional cost.

For more information on accommodation, go to [www.conventobolsena.org](http://www.conventobolsena.org).

### Cost

3900 USD

Housing costs, field trips, transportation to and from Rome/surrounding sites, 3 meals daily, and tuition for each of 3 credit courses are included in the program fee. Students will have to provide for their airfare to Rome, and any extra expenses they might incur.

