Program Rationale: The field of refugee service management involves many nonprofit and civil society organizations worldwide. Rome and the rest of Europe face an ongoing forced migration crisis illustrated by many displaced people, refugees, asylum seekers, and victims of human trafficking. International nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) and national nonprofits (ONLUS) struggle to provide adequate services while seeking just policies, solidarity, and innovative approaches. The Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) international office is headquartered in Rome, Italy. Students will learn about JRS’s programs, methods, and approaches in addition to other organizational leaders and experts in the field, including the United Nations agencies in Rome and other intergovernmental organizations (IGOs). Students visit organizations, discuss topics with experts, and engage in collaborative and experiential learning activities. They learn about international organizations engaged in effective humanitarian emergencies, cross-sector partnerships, and global policy advocacy. The mission of USF is central to this program as it shares the Jesuit values of JRS and it is connected to several nonprofits in the Bay Area engaged in refugee services and the fight against modern slavery.

Program Outcomes: The experiential, intellectual, and professional learning outcomes of this course/program include. (1) Recognizing the managerial, organizational and international factors behind the refugee and modern slavery emergencies of our time. (2) Comparing and contrast national policies and practices regarding forced migration affecting NGO and NPO programming. (3) Analyzing the cross-sector, cross-cultural and multidisciplinary elements of NGO management. (4) Recognizing the needs and develop solutions to increase the capacity of organizations and the effectiveness of programs, and (5) Aligning personal values with international human rights and Jesuit values of justice and human dignity.