

# Guatemala: Service Learning

December 30, 2017 – January 13, 2018

## The Course: GLS – 120 Education Experience Abroad (3 credits, Spring Semester)

This experience in Guatemala is open to all students, in particular, those with an interest in the education, liberal arts, construction and health fields. The course offers students the opportunity to use their skills in building homes, spending time with children in an orphanage, distributing food and clothing in neighboring villages, feeding the homeless and participating in optional clinical health care. There also are many opportunities to practice the Spanish language, if applicable. Other opportunities may be available, and these elements all come together to provide a well-rounded program for all participants.

## The Destination: Antigua, Guatemala

Located in Central America between Mexico and El Salvador, Guatemala's landscape is dominated by active volcanoes that reach above dense rain forests. This program is hosted in Antigua, a city of charm and colors, which may be the most outstanding and preserved colonial city in Spanish America. Tourists from around the world visit Antigua every year to enjoy its natural beauty, historic monuments, and rich Mayan culture. The Spanish Colonial style permeates every part of the town: its houses, churches, squares, parks, ruins, traditions and folklore.

## The Experience Highlights:

- Home Build for Families through ImaginGuatemala
- Live with Guatemalan Family
- Make New Friends and Lifelong Memories
- Traditional Mayan Ceremony
- Antigua City Tour
- Weekend Excursions (TBD)
- Coffee Plantation Visit
- Zip Lining (Optional)

"The service program to Guatemala allows you to really experience the true culture of the country because you spend every day with real people. I learn so much about the Guatemalan way of life!"  
-Kirkwood Student, 2016 program



**Estimated Program Fee: \$3,150**

**\$1,000 Global Advantage Scholarship available!**

### Includes:

Airfare  
Housing  
Most Meals  
Health Insurance  
Cultural Excursions  
In-Country Transit

### Does not include:

Tuition – 3 Spring credits  
Passport Fee  
Personal Expenses

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## Tentative Program Itinerary:

- Saturday, December 30 (Day 1)—Leave for Guatemala from Cedar Rapids Airport, Arrive in Guatemala where Edy, Mario, and Gladys will be there to pick us up
- Sunday, December 31 (Day 2)—Welcome Orientation at ImaginGuatemala Office
- Monday, January 1 (Day 3)—Antigua Guatemala Tour, Jade Factory Visit, Visit Edy's House to learn about weaving and making corn tortillas
- Tuesday, January 2 (Day 4)—Building Day 1
- Wednesday, January 3 (Day 5)—Building Day 2
- Thursday, January 4 (Day 6)—Building Day 3
- Friday, January 5 (Day 7)—Building Day 4, Present house keys and gifts to family
- Saturday, January 6 (Day 8)—Cultural Excursion
- Sunday, January 7 (Day 9)—Cultural Excursion
- Monday, January 8 (Day 10)—Work at Dental Clinic (optional) /Medical Check up for sponsored kids
- Tuesday, January 9 (Day 11)—Coffee Tour, Zip Lining (optional)
- Wednesday, January 10 (Day 12)—Visit the homes you built to see how their lives have been changed, Volunteer at a local orphanage
- Thursday, January 11 (Day 13)—Finca Florencia (park with trails and grass fields), Mayan Ceremony
- Friday, January 12 (Day 14)—Cultural Excursion, Closing Dinner and Ceremony at ImaginGuatemala Office
- Saturday, January 13 (Day 15)—Leave Guatemala and return home to Cedar Rapids

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