

# KIRKWOOD STUDY ABROAD

## GUATEMALA SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY SERVICE, EDUCATION, CONSTRUCTION AND PUBLIC HEALTH

December 29, 2018–January 12, 2019  
3 Credits

### Course: GLS-120 Education Experience Abroad (Humanities and/or Diversity/Elective)

Are you ready to make a global impact this Winter Break? This program is for students from all walks of life, all majors and all career paths. Guatemala has everything you are looking for in a study abroad experience. Work hard, build friendships, earn academic credit and experience culture in a meaningful way. It will change the way you see the world and other cultures. It may even change the way you live your life. Taught by qualified faculty with over 10 years of experience leading service programs to Guatemala, this program is an exciting, safe and valuable opportunity.

Kirkwood partners with a nonprofit, Guatemalan-owned organization called ImaginGuatemala, headquartered in beautiful and historic Antigua. The organization is dedicated to bettering the lives of the less fortunate in Guatemala. Brought together by a common desire to improve the lives of their neighbors, the staff have decades of experience in nonprofit organizations. They also know the needs of the area's people, being native Guatemalans themselves. You will be part of a service team that will help provide:

- Housing that is safe, weather-resistant and sustainable
- Food and water to communities and areas where access to nutritious food and clean water are scarce
- Educational assistance to children and their families, including tuition, uniforms and other supplies necessary via sponsors
- Friendship to children in orphanages and building communities
- Medical and dental assistance for children in need (optional)

### The Country:

A place of rare beauty, major historical significance and vibrant culture, Antigua remains Guatemala's must-visit destination. A former capital city and a current UNESCO World Heritage site, the city boasts an impressive array of colonial relics in a magnificent setting. Streetscapes of pastel facades unfold beneath three volcanoes. Today it remains a vibrant Guatemalan town; its churches, plazas and markets are throbbing with activity. Outside the city, indigenous communities, coffee plantations and volcanoes offer ample opportunities for exploration.

### Program Highlights:

- ♦ **Kirkwood Credit:** 3-credit humanities course (A.A.S.) or diversity/elective course (A.A./A.S.)
- ♦ **Community Service:** building homes and other community outreach activities
- ♦ **Real-world Experience:** tackle real global challenges hands-on
- ♦ **Team-building:** create enduring connections with Guatemalan and Kirkwood friends
- ♦ **Resume Builder:** showcase your global competencies to future employers

**Estimated Program Fee: \$3,250**  
**\$1,000 Global Advantage**  
**Scholarship Available**

#### Includes:

Airfare  
Housing  
Most Meals  
Health Insurance  
Many Cultural Excursions  
Most In-country Transit

#### Does not include:

Tuition: 3 Spring Credits  
Passport Fee  
Personal Expenses



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#### Tentative Itinerary: December 29, 2018–January 12, 2019

- Saturday, December 29:** Leave for Guatemala from the Eastern Iowa Airport, arrive in Guatemala where ImaginGuatemala staff will pick us up. Meet your host families and head to the ImaginGuatemala office for orientation.
- Sunday, December 30:** Antigua city tour, Jade factory visit, visit Edy's house to learn about weaving and making corn tortillas.
- Monday, December 31:** Climb Pacaya Volcano and ring in the New Year Guatemalan style.
- Tuesday, January 1:** Building Day 1.
- Wednesday, January 2:** Building Day 2.
- Thursday, January 3:** Building Day 3.
- Friday, January 4:** Building Day 4, present house keys and gifts to family.
- Saturday, January 5:** Cultural excursion.
- Sunday, January 6:** Cultural excursion.
- Monday, January 7:** Work with a local coffee farmer to help harvest his beans.
- Tuesday, January 8:** Zip lining and visit an orphanage.
- Wednesday, January 9:** Make your own chocolate, experience a Mayan ceremony.
- Thursday, January 10:** Soup kitchen at local village.
- Friday, January 11:** Cultural excursion, closing dinner.
- Saturday, January 12:** Leave Guatemala and return home to Cedar Rapids.

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