

Spanish 3500G –
Community Service Learning in the Hispanic World:
Guatemala - History, Culture and People in Context
Winter 2014



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What is Community Service Learning (CSL)?

Community Service Learning (CSL) is an **educational approach** that integrates **service** in the community with **intentional learning** activities. Within effective CSL efforts, members of both educational institutions and community organizations work together toward **outcomes that are mutually beneficial**. (Canadian Alliance for Community Service Learning)

You may have heard of the following CSL programs:

- Spanish 2200 and 3300 – local CSL and international CSL in Cuba
- Alternative Spring Break
- Western Serves
- Community Service Learning Network

The course

Course Objectives:

1. To improve verbal and written communication in Spanish
2. To learn about the history, culture and people of Guatemala
3. To give students an opportunity to immerse themselves in an international environment to further develop intercultural competence
4. To increase students' understanding of the needs of global communities through effective international community service learning
5. To take part in Western's commitment to internationalization by increasing student mobility

Pre or Corequisite(s):

- Spanish 3300;
- Spanish 2215F/G or 2216F/G;
- Permission of the Department.

The course

Part 1: Winter 2014

Classroom study spread over one term on main campus

- Readings
- Group Presentations
- Guest Speakers
- Pre-Departure Orientation

Note: regular course fees apply

The course

Part 2: Spring 2014

May 3-24 3 weeks CSL in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala

Professor Alena Robin travels with the class

CSL projects with the Miguel Angel Asturias Academy

Cultural activities

Twice-weekly facilitated reflection

* additional fees apply

Note: students must participate in both the Winter and Spring components of this course.

Process of registration:

There are two steps to the application process:

- 1) Complete the online application form found on CareerCentral (Experience Tab → International CSL Course Applications) (open now!)
- 2) Bring a \$50 cheque deposit to the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures in UC115. This cheque is to be made out to “The University of Western Ontario”, and if you are able, please put “Guatemala” in the Memo line. This cheque will be returned to you if you are not selected to participate in the program. If you are selected, we will apply this deposit to your program fees.

The deadline to submit the application form and the \$50 deposit is **October 31**. We strongly advise that you attend the information session prior to submitting your application.

If necessary, interviews will be performed the week of November 11.

The enrolment of the course is limited to 12 students.

Successful students will be informed by mid-November and will be granted special permission to register in the course.

Things to Consider

- Be available for travel Saturday, May 3 to Saturday, May 24, 2014
- All students are required to return to Western with the group (no exceptions!)
- Final fees are due by Friday, February 14, 2014
- Be willing to take necessary medical precautions

Cost to Participate

Item	Cost
Flight (Return)	\$764.12
Program Fee (includes accomodation, food, ground transportation, and included excursions)	\$1,260.00
Administrative Fee	\$325.88
Travel and Medical Insurance	\$50.00
Total	\$2,400.00

Funding Opportunities

- Global Opportunities Awards
 - Facilitated by Western International
 - Students can apply twice a year (i.e. apply now and if you're not successful, apply again in Winter)
 - http://www.uwo.ca/international/learning/go_abroad//global_opp.html (or international.uwo.ca → Students tab → Funding Opportunities → Global Opportunities)

Typical Day – From Monday to Friday

- 8:00 am - Breakfast with Doña Margarita
- 9:00 am – School: Helping with English class, computer science, artistic expression, sport activities, library support, help to students with special needs, etc.
- 12:30 – 1h30 pm – Lunch
- 2:00 pm – Back to school up to 6:00
- 6:30 pm – Dinner
- Free time at night
- Every other night there will be group activities for reflection time
- 10:00 pm – Last entry to COFA
- 2 afternoons free for visits in the city

Questions?