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# Guatemala: Spring Break 2019

Community Based Child Welfare in Guatemala (SASS 375D/575)

This 3-credit course is designed to familiarize participants with the culture and history of Guatemala, as well as study child welfare from a community development perspective. All students will spend some time each morning to learn Spanish, followed by guided tours of various organizations. The experience will challenge participants to compare Guatemala with the United States at social, economic and political levels. The program is an intense, small group experience in living, learning, traveling, and studying. Students will study child welfare issues, social services and indigenous community practices, and understand the strengths and weaknesses of social policies and human services in both Guatemala and the U.S. The course acquaints participants with the socio-political factors that influence the development of child welfare programs in the nongovernmental sector (private, nonprofit) and governmental sector in Guatemala. The role of the helping professions in child welfare are explored via agency



visits, lectures, and collaboration with Guatemalan professionals. Students will participate in a service project while in Guatemala. During the pre-trip seminar, students will plan and develop a 90-minute service learning activity to do with a group of Guatemalan children in an after school program. Students stay at Hotel Aurora in Antigua.

This course is designed for students interested in developing an international perspective in social work, child welfare, and the history and culture of Guatemala.



## Course Leaders:

Dr. Victor Groza, Professor ([vkg2@case.edu](mailto:vkg2@case.edu)) &  
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## Planned Site Visits (subject to change)

- **Jardin de Amor**, is a community based program that provides educational, health and nutritional services to over 90 children and their families in Santa Maria de Jesus who experience extreme poverty. Students visit the organization and participate in a service learning activity
- **Safe Passage**, a non-profit organization in Guatemala City that brings hope, education, and opportunity to the children and families living in extreme poverty around the City's garbage dump

## In-Country Dates

March 8 - 17, 2018

\*Arrangements will be made for undergraduate students who need to depart on Saturday

## Pre & Post-Trip Saturday Seminars

- January 26, 2018
- February 23, 2018
- April 6, 2018



## Program Fee

\$2,995 (includes: international airfare, in-country travel/ transportation, breakfasts, some lunches and dinners, accommodations, daily Spanish lessons, agency visits, guest lectures, excursions, cultural events, and insurance abroad)

## 3-Credits Approved For

- Global and Cultural Diversity credit
- Social Science credit for Engineering students
- Social Work Minor
- Elective course credit
- MSASS Certificate of Global Health

## Apply

1. Apply at [studyabroad.case.edu](http://studyabroad.case.edu)
  - Click on "Program Search"
  - Type SASS under "Program Name"
  - Select Guatemala
  - Meet with Dr. Groza or Dr. Wood
  - Submit application
  - Pay \$300 deposit
2. Enroll for course in SIS

## Contact

Valerie Rambin ([var26@case.edu](mailto:var26@case.edu)), Assistant Director International Education Programs, for more information on this or other Mandel School study abroad programs. All students are required to meet with Dr. Groza or Dr. Wood prior to enrolling in the course.

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