



INTL 251

Cultural Perspectives: Youth and Resilience in Guatemala

Course Description

During a **3-week May term** in Guatemala learn first-hand about the persistent social problems facing Guatemala's youth as well as the determination and resilience of committed young adults who are helping to meet those challenges and prepare the way for a better future.

CREDIT

Earn **3 credits** toward your SST Alt requirements. Or stay on an additional 3-6 weeks to **earn up to 9 SST Alt credits**.

COST

\$1320 for on-campus students including roundtrip airfare, meals, and lodging

- Students not paying room and board will pay an additional fee, up to \$1100
- Financial aid is available. See Jan Shetler jshetler@goshen.edu to inquire.



What you can expect to see/learn/do. . .

WEEK 1:

- Arrive in Guatemala and get to know your surroundings and your hosts at the SEMILLA seminary guesthouse.
- Tour Guatemala City — a bustling city of 3 million with vast social, economic, and cultural contrasts.
- Spend several days in a small, Mayan village near Lake Atitlan. *(Pictured: top right)*
- Stay a couple of nights with a local family. Learn how a traditional Guatemalan meal is prepared.

WEEK 2:

- Learn about the challenges facing Guatemala and ways young adults are creatively rising to meet them.
- Learn about the way a war-torn past continues to haunt attempts at democratic change.
- Talk with an advocate for immigrants' rights. Meet with a former gang member and her pastor.
- Help out at EDUVIDA, an urban congregation that runs a weekend school for low-income youth and adults.

WEEK 3:

- Tour a coffee farm near Antigua, and learn how coffee is grown, harvested, and roasted.
- Visit Iximche, site of a fortified Mayan city that greeted Spanish conquistadors in 1524.
- Tour Sol del Río art gallery, and meet young contemporary artists pushing boundaries with their art.
- Climb Volcan Pacaya, an active volcano on Guatemala's "Ring of Fire."

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