

Study-Service Term in Navajo & Hopi Nations

Course Description

The Navajo and Hopi Nations SST unit provides a broad understanding of the history, life ways and spirituality of the Hopi and Navajo in the Southwest. Students will gain a fresh perspective on their own country and wrestle with some of its structural injustices. A homestay, interviews, service assignments, and visits to cultural sites make this an immersion experience.

Program Overview



UPCOMING TERMS & TRIP LEADERS

May and Summer 2022-23: Jerrell and Jane Ross Richer
May and Summer 2024-25: TBD



COURSES INCLUDED

GLST 241: Foundations, Native American Societies and Cultures (3 credit hours, on campus)
GLST 300: Global Issues, Indigenous Rights (3 credit hours, virtual)
GLST 251: Cultural Perspectives, Hopi and Navajo, (3 credit hours, in AZ)
GLST 271: Community Engaged Learning, Hopi and Navajo, (3 credit hours, in AZ)
GLST 305: SST Integration Capstone (2 credit hours)



THEME(S)

Southwest Indigenous Perspectives



LENGTH

13 weeks



EXTRA COST

\$500 travel fee; total of \$7,416 covers summer tuition for 3 courses, room & board during travel and extra travel fee. First deposit non-refundable.



LOCATION

Arizona: Navajo and Hopi Nations



REQUIRED LANGUAGE

None



CREDITS

14 credit hours

Study

(May Term; May 29 to June 16)

The Navajo and Hopi semester begins with a Foundations course on campus during May term. Students will survey the diversity and shared patterns of indigenous societies and their development from the first settlements of North America until the present day.

In the second course, taken online at home, students deepen their appreciation for indigenous contributions to world history. They'll study with a Native American scholar-activist and connect to indigenous peoples' movements for social change globally. It is possible to take these two courses without the immersion and service segment, but not vice versa. They are preparation for the six weeks with Navajo and Hopi people in Arizona.

Immersion and Service

(June 19 to July 31)

The Arizona-based courses will focus on developing relationships with Navajo and Hopi people through host families, service placements, visiting heritage sites, listening to experts tell their stories and exploring the desert landscapes where indigenous peoples have lived for millennia.

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