

Nicaragua & El Salvador

Faculty Directed Program

PROGRAM INFORMATION

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Country Destination: Nicaragua and El Salvador

Credits: 3 credits (cross-listed in EVST and DHC as EVST 410)

Degree level: Undergrad or graduate

Costs: The cost of this travel seminar is \$2075 (does not include academic credit costs, international travel, visa and entry fees)

Dates: Spring 2013? 1-credit course (recommended); travel dates: May 23–June 6, 2013?

Application Deadline:

February 11, 2013? (priority deadline is January 31, 2013?)



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The program is designed to study Nicaragua and El Salvador and explore questions on socioeconomic inequities, land conservation, liberation theology, international trade, and sustainable development. The following are some examples of possible program content:

MISSOULA - SPRING 2013?

- Recommended 1-Credit Course on Nicaragua and El Salvador (EVST 495.80)
- View documentaries and discuss readings
- Meet with Central Americans living in Montana

NICARAGUA PROGRAM

- Visit a marginalized urban neighborhood, talk with locals about environmental and social justice concerns
- Discuss urban and rural environmental issues with non-governmental organizations
- Dialogue with university students involved in environmental issues
- Visit the UCA Miraflor cooperative & dialogue with community leaders about fair-trade coffee
- Stay overnight with rural families who are members of the UCA Miraflor cooperative and visit the cloud forest in the Miraflor Nature Reserve

EL SALVADOR PROGRAM

- Hear from NGOs working on sustainable development.
- Go to the Nueva Esperanza community to explore how liberation theory has affected their decision-making
- Discuss development strategies with elected officials
- Speak with community leaders in San Jose Las Flores in Chalatenango
- Learn about projects in fair trade organic coffee
- Stay overnight with base community families



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