

ALTERNATIVE WINTER BREAK APPLICATION

Dear Suffolk Student,

Thank you for your interest in this year's Alternative Winter Break (AWB)! Suffolk University's AWB program is designed to offer students the opportunity to engage in an extremely interactive and meaningful service trip during winter break. This is the sixth year we will be traveling to El Salvador to do service learning.

Here is some specific information about the AWB trip being offered:

The Salvadoran Civil War was predominantly fought between the government of El Salvador against a coalition of four leftist parties and one Communist party known as the Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front (FMLN) between 1980 and 1992. The United States supported the right-wing government. In total the civil war killed 75,000 people, left 8,000 more missing and one million homeless with another million exiled. Fifteen years later the country still is divided and trying to recover from that dark era in their history.

The main purpose of the delegation is to "SERVE AND LEARN". You will learn about El Salvador by registering for the Fall 2011 course **HST508: Alternative Winter Break in El Salvador, A History and Service Learning Experience**. (Contact Christopher Rodriguez for details and for the syllabus crodrigu@suffolk.edu). You will not only *learn* about the important events that shaped El Salvador's history, but you will offer your service with construction projects in rural communities. As an AWB participant, you have an opportunity to effect positive change in the communities we work with and to follow in the footsteps of the late Congressman Joe Moakley, a Suffolk alumnus. He once said about El Salvador, "We [the US] spent \$6 Billion dollars helping to destroy the place [during the Civil War], we should spend a couple dollars to help rebuild the place."

Requirements

1. All participants must register for HST508. If scheduling conflicts arise, faculty leader and course instructor, Christopher Rodriguez, and the History Department will do our best to work with you and your advisors to have HST508 fit your needs. We will reserve a few spots for students who have been part of a previous delegation to El Salvador; they must register for an Independent Study History Course arranged through Christopher Rodriguez and the History Department. We will also work with graduate students to tailor HST508 for graduate-level work.

2. All AWB students must attend the meetings and events listed below. They are not only meant to prepare you academically and logistically for the trip, but are opportunities to get to know one another.

The meeting dates are as follows, locations TBA:

- September 29: Group and Trip Introduction, 1-2:30pm
- September 30: Introductory Lecture, 4-6pm,
- October 1: Volunteer Day, 9-4pm
- November 7-11, 6 hours of Lecture, Meeting and Guest Speakers
 - Mandatory Lectures: Nov 8, 1-2:30pm; Nov 9, 4-6pm; Nov 10, 1-2:30pm
 - Guest Speakers, TBA

- December 8: Last Meeting Before Trip, 1-2:30pm
- January 2-13, 2012: Trip to El Salvador

Costs

The total cost of the trip will be \$2600 which includes transportation, meals, and accommodations will be billed through Suffolk University's Student accounts.

Payment Deadlines:

- 1st Deposit: Due May 1st, \$1000
- Trip Balance (\$1600) will be billed with all other tuition and fees for Fall semester 2011 following standard University billing procedures.

Scholarships and Financial Aid:

Consult the Financial Aid Office to see if your financial aid package covers any of the costs related to the trip. Partial scholarships will be awarded based on available funding and student needs ranging from \$500-\$1500 per student. Please fill out the AWB Scholarship application (see page 10).

Course Information

A class will be offered during the fall that will provide course credit **HST-508-A "A Study Trip to El Salvador"**. This course will examine the history of El Salvador through readings, discussion, film, and most importantly, a fortnight in the Central American nation. Our goal is to explore how events ranging from the Spanish conquest of the sixteenth century, the nineteenth century indigenous uprising against land concentration, and the bloody and divisive civil war of the 1980s shaped today's El Salvador. HST508 counts as ECR credit.

Deadline

Applications are due on **March 25th by 5p.m.** They will be accepted via e-mail at **crodrigu@suffolk.edu** or can be dropped off at the **S.O.U.L.S. Office**, Donahue 209, or in the **History Department**, 10th Floor, 73 Tremont.

We prefer upperclassmen over incoming freshmen and a familiarity with Spanish is preferred, but is NOT required. You must be willing to contribute two weeks out of their life to focus on a community that needs their help. Most of all however, we want someone who isn't afraid of getting their hands dirty, who wants to make a positive difference, and who will be a responsible and hard-working ambassador for Suffolk University. If you feel you are right for the job, continue on to fill out the attached application.

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- APPLICATION** Complete all sections and remember to sign the application
- STATEMENT OF PURPOSE** (see questions on p. 3)
- RECOMMENDATION FORM** Must be completed by a professor (p. 4).
- PARTICIPATION AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT** Complete all sections and sign (pages 5–7).
- PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FORM** (p. 8)
- ALTERNATIVE BREAK SCHOLARSHIP FORM (optional)** (p. 10)
- INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL HEALTH INSURANCE LETTER** Please contact your health insurance provider/company to verify that you will be covered while traveling overseas. A letter from your insurance company must be submitted stating the areas in which you are covered. If your health insurance provider/company does not cover international travel health insurance, please contact the Office of Study Abroad Programs immediately to obtain information on private providers to purchase while traveling.
- COPY OF INSURANCE CARD (FRONT AND BACK)**
- TWO COPIES OF YOUR PASSPORT**

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1. Full Legal Name

LAST (FAMILY) FIRST MIDDLE INITIAL BIRTHNAME (MAIDEN) NICKNAME

2. Permanent Address

STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE COUNTRY

3. Current Mailing Address (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)

STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE COUNTRY

4. Email (SUFFOLK ADDRESS) _____ (PERSONAL ADDRESS)

5. Phone (DAY) _____ (EVENING)

7. Year of Birth _____ 8. Sex Male Female

9. City/Town of Birth _____ 10. Country of Birth

11. Citizenship _____ 12. Permanent Resident of (Country)

13. Passport Number _____ Issuing Country

14. Contacts in the event of an Emergency:

1st Contact Name: _____ 2nd Contact Name: _____

Relationship to you: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Daytime phone: _____

Evening phone: _____ Evening phone: _____

Cell phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email: _____ Email: _____

15. Do you have any dietary restrictions (vegan, vegetarian, allergies).

16. Please list any allergies you may have:

17. Are you taking any medications that we need to know about?

18. Do you speak Spanish? (Circle one)

No

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Fluent

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Statement of Purpose Questions

Please answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper and attach to the application. Please be thoughtful and keep answers to 1 page, single-spaced.

1. Please describe why an Alternative Winter Break trip to help Salvadoran communities is important for you? What do you intend to gain from AWB and what are you most excited for?
2. One of the goals of AWB is to expose students to a diverse range of situations and people to create a better understanding of social needs in our global community. Please share a time when you have experienced a diverse environment that has had an impact on you.
3. What do you think the role of the United States should be in world politics? If you were Secretary of State during the 80s and 90s, what would you have done differently in El Salvador? What would have been your foreign policy strategy? This question may require you to do some research into the topic.
4. Have you ever been to Latin America or other countries outside of the United States before? If so, when, where and in what capacity?
5. Do you have any experience working or living in impoverished communities? If so, please explain.

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ALL APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE THIS FORM

Suffolk University offers its students the opportunity to participate in a number of programs of study in other countries. Some of these study abroad programs are offered through Suffolk University facilities and others are provided through the facilities of foreign universities. Any student wishing to participate in study abroad must take into consideration the risks involved in doing so. It is neither physically possible nor economically feasible for Suffolk University to act as the guarantor of the safety of students studying in countries far away from Boston and in institutions unrelated to Suffolk. Therefore, Suffolk University can only make study abroad programs available to students who expressly agree to accept responsibility for their safety while studying abroad.

Submission of this document with all required signatures is an essential part of demonstrating eligibility to participate in the study abroad program and serves three important purposes. The first is confirmation that the student whose parents/guardians sign the form is permitted to take part in a study abroad program. The second purpose is to state the agreement of the student's family and Suffolk University as to the allocation of the risks of 1) the student's travel to and in the city and country where he/she will be studying; 2) living away from home during the period of study abroad in an unfamiliar location; and 3) participating in the activities that make up the particular study abroad program in which the student will be enrolled. The third purpose is confirmation that Suffolk University and the institution the student will be attending have parental authorization to obtain emergency medical care for the student, should it become necessary during the course of the study abroad program. Please read the language of these three provisions carefully and do not hesitate to call the director of S.O.U.L.S. at Suffolk University, Carolina Garcia, at 617.573.6306 if you have questions. It will not be possible for a student to participate in a study abroad program unless this form is returned with appropriate signatures.

Students considering participation in study abroad programs should be aware that Suffolk University cannot guarantee that all advertised offerings will be available as described or without alterations and that, between the printing of a catalog or brochure describing a program and a date of enrollment, foreign universities may make unannounced changes in course offerings and prices, and/or foreign affairs considerations may require cancellation of a program. Suffolk University must therefore retain the right to alter the content of and fees for study abroad programs without notice.

1. Parental Permission To Participate

As a custodial parent/guardian of (please print student's name)

_____.

I have given her/him my permission to participate in the Suffolk University study abroad program at (please print name of foreign/host institution)

_____.

Before signing this permission form, I had the opportunity to satisfy myself as to the adequacy and safety of the arrangements for the study abroad program at the host institution. I am familiar with the mental and physical health of my child/ward and his/her ability to travel to unfamiliar places and be exposed to people of different ethnic, cultural, and linguistic backgrounds. My permission for my child/ward to participate is based upon my belief that she/he has the maturity and self-confidence to be able to respond appropriately to the challenges that he/she will encounter during the study abroad program, as they have been described in the printed materials that I have been given.

X. _____
SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN OR SPOUSE

DATE

PRINT FULL NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN OR SPOUSE

In consideration of Suffolk University's willingness to allow me to participate in a study abroad program, I agree to comply with the rules for student conduct and good citizenship established by Suffolk University and the foreign institution I will be attending. I understand that failure to do so can lead to disciplinary sanctions, including required withdrawal from the program. I also understand that I will bear the financial cost of any such disciplinary sanctions, including lost tuition and repatriation.

X. _____
SIGNATURE OF STUDENT

DATE

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2. Risk Sharing And Indemnification Agreement

I/We recognize that there are risks to a student's person and property involved in air travel, surface transport, and in staying in hotels, hostels, dormitories, and private homes in an unfamiliar foreign country. I/We also understand that Suffolk University could not afford to offer a broad range of study abroad programs if it was required to bear the sole financial responsibility for those risks. Therefore, in order to induce Suffolk University to make the program available to me/my child/ward, I/we agree to share the risk of loss arising from injury to me/my child/ward and/or my/her/his property with Suffolk University by entering into this indemnification agreement in which I/we accept responsibility for all losses, except those caused exclusively by the negligence of Suffolk University and/or its agents.

I/We have reviewed the plans for the program and recognize that use of regularly scheduled airlines to provide transportation between our home and foreign countries involves risks to person and property, which may include serious injury and death, and I/we agree to accept those risks. From my/our review of the plans for the program, I/we am/are aware that I/my child/ward will also be exposed to the risks of surface travel in cars, trains, taxis, and buses while participating in the program, and I/we accept the responsibility for those risks. I/We have reviewed the arrangements for the program and understand that I/my child/ward will be staying in various kinds of public accommodations with other students from the host country and other countries, and I/we accept the risk that injury may occur to me/my child/ward, while living in those accommodations.

I/We have also reviewed the description of the academic and extracurricular programs that will take place during the program and recognize that attending classes and student activities and sightseeing in foreign countries will expose me/my child/ward to the risks inherent in those activities, and I am/we are willing to accept responsibility for those risks.

I/We understand that participants in the program will be exposed to foreign countries with different standards, laws, and customs, with which participants will be expected to conform, even if very different from conditions in the United States. I/We understand that neither Suffolk University nor the host will provide or be responsible for the cost of criminal or civil legal proceedings, fines, or representation by an attorney.

I/We confirm to Suffolk University and the host institution our acceptance of the obligation to pay for any medical treatment that the student may require while participating in the program and also confirm that I/we have obtained all the insurance to cover medical costs, including evacuation to the United States, that I/we feel is necessary and appropriate.

On the basis of my review of the plans for the program, and to induce Suffolk University and the host institution to allow me/my child/ward to participate in the program, I, (please print the student's name)

_____,
and for myself and my heirs, successors and assigns, and I, in my capacity as parent/ward of the student just named, agree to indemnify Suffolk University and the host institution and their trustees, governing bodies, officers, employees, and agents (the "Indemnitees") for any sums of money for which the Indemnitees may become liable as a result of any claim, suit, or cause of action that I or my heirs, legal representatives, successors, and assigns, or I as representative of my child/ward may have, now or in the future, arising out of my/my child/ward's participation in the program, unless the claim, suit, or cause of action arises solely and exclusively from the negligence of the Indemnitees, which I have not waived or released by signing this form.

I/We have read all of this Parental Risk Sharing and Indemnification Agreement, and I/we have satisfied myself/ourselves that I/we understand what it means.

X. _____
SIGNATURE OF STUDENT

DATE

PLEASE PRINT FULL NAME OF STUDENT

X. _____
SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN OR SPOUSE

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3. Medical Treatment Authorization

As the parent/guardian of (please print the name of the student)

PLEASE PRINT FULL NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN OR SPOUSE

a student participating in the program, I authorize physicians employed by Suffolk University and/or the host institution or engaged by Suffolk University and/or the host institution to provide medical care to my child/ward while he/she is away from home and participating in the program, including examining, treating, and prescribing medications for her/his care. I understand that Suffolk University and/or the host institution

will, to the greatest extent possible, consult with me concerning the reasons for and effects of all such care. Recognizing that it may be impossible to reach me in situations in which the physicians treating my child/ward believe that beginning treatment is medically necessary, I authorize Suffolk University and/or the host institution to commence treatment when, in the professional judgment of the physicians involved, such treatment is medically necessary, even if I have not yet been consulted. In authorizing such emergency treatment, I agree to accept the determination of the treating physician or surgeon that the treatment or examination rendered was medically necessary to protect the life, health, or mental well-being of my child/ward. I give this authorization on the condition that the treating physician will attempt to contact me, if at all possible, before the treatment or examination is rendered.

Medical/Contact Information

My child/ward is entitled to medical insurance benefits under our policy with (please print the name of your medical insurer/HMO)

Our policy is number (please provide the number of the medical insurance policy)

*It is very important to provide Suffolk University with emergency contact information and any important medical information. It is the only means we have to provide you with up-to-date information regarding your son or daughter in case of an emergency.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN OR SPOUSE

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Please read the following information, initial each statement and sign below if you accept these conditions.

In order to attend **Alternative Winter Break on January 2 – 13, 2012,**

I _____ hereby agree to the following terms and conditions of participation:

____ **I understand** that my participation in the Program is contingent upon my being enrolled as a student at Suffolk University and in good academic standing at the time of my departure.

____ **I understand that students enrolled in this course CANNOT graduate in December.**

____ **I understand that this is a Fall 2011 course and will therefore receive an Incomplete until my grade is submitted during the Spring Semester.**

____ **I understand** that travel for this course will be January 2-13, 2012.

____ **I understand** that the total trip fee of **\$2600** includes airfare, visa, accommodations, and most meals.

____ **I understand** that the \$1000 seminar fee deposit is **NON-Refundable**, unless Suffolk University cancels the course.

____ **I understand that** the remaining **\$1600 trip** fee balance will be billed by Student Accounts together with other tuition and fees for Fall 2011 semester and will follow standard University billing procedures.

____ **I understand that tuition for this 4 credit course is in addition to the trip fee.**

____ **I understand** that Suffolk University reserves the right to make cancellations, changes or substitutions to the agenda, course, faculty, flight arrangements (if applicable), and other services, in the case of emergencies or changed conditions as deemed desirable based on the interest of the group and academic quality of the course.

____ **I understand** that I am responsible for having proper USCIS paperwork including a valid passport to return to the US (International students only).

____ **I understand** that I am responsible for having proper health insurance coverage while abroad and ensuring that my health care coverage is extended to the country of travel

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___ **I agree** to participate in all pre-departure meetings and post-trip meetings. If I have conflicts with the meeting times I will contact the trip facilitators prior to the meeting.

___ **I understand that** while a participant of this course, I am fully subject to University rules, regulations, and policies. Behavior that can result in my immediate dismissal includes, but is not limited to, *the use or possession of alcohol or illegal drugs, behavior disruptive to the program or offensive to the host site, and/or violations of local, state, or national laws, or regulations of Suffolk University.*

___ **I understand** that a decision to dismiss me from the program will be final and no refund will be made. I will be responsible for my own airfare home.

___ **I understand** that if I am dismissed from the program based on a violation of the stated behavior policy, a university judicial case will be open by the Dean of Students to investigate the incident.

___ **I understand** that it is my responsibility to adhere to the departure schedule stated prior to trip commencement. Suffolk University is not responsible for travelers who fail to comply with this regulation and I will be liable for the cost of travel to the site.

Signature _____

Date: _____

