

HST 508 “A Study Trip to El Salvador” and Alternative Winter Break (AWB) with History Professor Chris Rodriguez

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.

This course fulfills the Extended Classroom Requirement (ECR) for all CAS students.

EXPERIENCE

The main purpose of the delegation is to "SERVE AND LEARN". Students will learn about El Salvador by participating in presentations of various topics pertaining to its past, present and future. As a part of the trip you will not only learn about the important moments of El Salvador's civil war, but we will also partner with an organization to do service with manual labor to either help build homes for families or to help in improving the community infrastructure. As AWB participants, you have an obligation to the community you will be living with, so come prepared mentally, physically, and emotionally.

DATES

AWB Trip dates are January 2-16, 2011.

Pre-trip Meetings and Lectures

All participants must attend the three monthly meetings and lectures. The meeting dates are as follows:

- October 1-2, 2009: AWB Overnight Service Retreat in Boston
- November 5: Lecture Series @ 5:00 - 7p.m.
- November 6: General Meeting 9-3p.m.
- December 3: Lecture Series @ 5:00 – 7p.m.
- December 4: Pre-Departure Meeting 9-3p.m.

PAYMENT

In addition to the cost of the HST508 course, the trip will be \$1,500. The cost includes transportation, meals, and accommodations. Our hope is that group fundraisers will lower the cost for all students.

Money will be paid in three installments:

- 1st Deposit: Due May 3rd, \$300
- 2nd Deposit: Due October 1st, \$600
- 3rd Deposit: Due December 3rd, \$600 (amount subject to change based on students' fund raising efforts)

APPLICATIONS

- Register for Fall 2010 H508 Course.
- Fill out AWB application. They are due on **March 25th by 5p.m.** They will be accepted via e-mail at deb.searfoss@gmail.com or can be dropped off at the S.O.U.L.S. Office, Donahue 209. You can download an application at www.suffolk.edu/communityservice

CANDIDATES

AWB is perfect for any **upperclassman** student who is **familiar with the Spanish language**, and who is willing to contribute two weeks of their life to focus on a community that needs their help. However applicants need not be fluent in Spanish to participate.