

# Connecting Educational Communities

## Cooperative Education in Rural Guatemalan Schools, A Service Learning and Spanish Immersion Program

### Guatemala ~ PSU Summer ~ 2007

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 20, 2007**

### Program Description:

- This course begins in Portland where students and faculty will engage in fundraising activities before leaving for Guatemala. The money we raise will be used to fund community development projects in the communities we work in. Once we leave for Guatemala, we will travel to the beautiful mountainous state of Sololá and stay in the town of Panajachel-on Lake Atitlan. At this picturesque location, PSU students will spend the morning assisting in a variety of projects and activities in rural Mayan schools. Afternoons will be spent studying Spanish and attending classes in Guatemalan history and culture taught by PSU faculty, local teachers and experts. This program confers a total of 8 credits: 4 credits of Span 404: Cooperative Education and 4 credits of Span 399: Spanish Language Immersion. Enrollment in both Span 404 and Span 399 is required.

### Course Requirements:

- Students must be qualified to do Spanish coursework at the 300 or 400 levels or be proficient in Spanish at the ACTFL Advanced level. Instructor consent is required.  
**NOTE: This class is an intensive experience that makes demands on a student's language ability as well as on their mental and emotional flexibility.**

### Lodging:

- PSU students will live with local families where they will be immersed in the language and culture of the region.

### Cultural Activities and Excursions:

- Students will participate in activities and lectures led by local educators as well as PSU faculty. Weekends will be spent traveling to historical and cultural points of interest.

### Dates:

- Pre-Program Activities in Portland: June 12th to July 1st
- Program in Guatemala: July 2nd to July 24<sup>th</sup>

Please note that these dates may change by one or two days, depending on airfare availability.

There will be informational meetings: **Friday, February 23rd at 3:00 PM-5:00 PM in SMU 323 & Friday, March 2nd at 3:00 PM-5:00 PM in SMU 323**

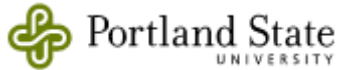
### Cost:

- **\$1,639.00** (subject to change)
- **Cost includes:** tuition and fees, books, health insurance, lodging, most meals, ground transportation and all lecture, excursion and activity fees.
- **Not included:** airfare, \$50 non-refundable application fee, visa and passport expenses, international student ID card and personal expenses. Most meals will be provided, but students will be required to pay for their meals on Sundays.



For information please view the following website: <http://www.guatemala.pdx.edu/>  
or contact:

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Manya is a Spanish instructor and Outreach Coordinator for the PSU Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures.
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## PSU Study Abroad Programs Application Instructions Guatemala, Summer 2007

1. Bring your completed application to the Office of International Affairs/Education Abroad Office, East Hall, 632 SW Hall, Room 101, or mail to Office of International Affairs, PO Box 751, Portland OR 97207-0751. Typed applications are preferable.
2. Include transcripts of every college or university you have attended. Unofficial transcripts (and printed off the web) are acceptable.
3. Two references are required. Please give the confidential reference forms provided in the application to two people who can objectively evaluate you. One reference should be from an instructor; the other may be from an instructor, employer, youth leader, living group adviser, or counselor. Do not use peers or family friends as reference. Please note that the forms are to be returned to PSU directly by the individuals providing references for you. Give each of your referees a stamped, addressed envelope.
4. A non-refundable application fee of \$50 is required of all applicants (unless otherwise instructed). Please make checks or money orders payable to Portland State University.
5. Additional forms will be given during the interview process for completion prior to departure.

Your application will not be processed until all of the above items are received. Once your application file is complete, you will be notified when and with whom to arrange an appointment for a personal interview. Please note that instructor approval is required and the final decision for acceptance will be made by the instructor AFTER you have completed your personal interview.

Applications have priority according to the date received. You are strongly advised to apply early, as space in some programs is limited.

*Questions?* Please feel free to call the PSU Education Abroad Office, 503/725-4094 or contact Andrea Price at [pricea@pdx.edu](mailto:pricea@pdx.edu)

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Study Abroad Application

**Connecting Educational Communities**  
*Cooperative Education in Rural Guatemalan Schools,*  
*A Service Learning and Spanish Immersion Program*  
**Guatemala**  
**Summer 2007**

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number \_\_\_\_\_ PSU ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

College GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Major field of study \_\_\_\_\_

What academic standing will you have at the beginning of this program?

Sophomore     Junior     Senior     Postbaccalaureate

How did you hear about this program? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you planning on using PSU Financial Aid?     Yes     No

Person to be notified in case of emergency \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to applicant \_\_\_\_\_

List all colleges and universities attended:

School	Dates Attended	Degrees Earned	GPA Earned

List any health problems, physical disabilities, or serious allergies:

Employment history. Include dates and type of work.

International travel experience (countries and reasons, e.g. study, travel, armed forces):

Statement of purpose. Give a brief yet explicit statement of the reasons you would like to participate in this program.

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Please write a brief autobiographical essay.

# ACADEMIC REFERENCE

(To be completed by applicant)

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Program Applying to: \_\_\_\_\_

Program/Term:     fall     winter     spring     summer

Relationship or Association with Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

## Confidentiality Statement

**Note to applicant: Please read and sign before giving this form to your referee.**

Under Section 438, General Education Provisions Act (Public Law 90-247), you have the right to review materials submitted to the International Education Services/Study Abroad (IES/SA) in connection with your application. This law also allows you to waive this right if you so choose, with the understanding that confidential recommendations are not required in the admissions process.

**(Please check one)** I, the undersigned,  waive     do not waive    the right to examine this recommendation.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

(To be completed by referee)

To the Referee:

The student named above is an applicant for a PSU sponsored study abroad program. To benefit from this experience, a student should be academically able, highly motivated and emotionally mature to adapt to the challenges of a different social and cultural environment. Therefore we would appreciate your thoughtful and candid appraisal of this applicant. Please mail this form to the address printed below. Thank you for your cooperation.

Name of Referee: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

How long and in what capacity have you known this student? \_\_\_\_\_

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In comparison with other students you have known, please rate the applicant on the following characteristics:

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
Writing Ability	o	o	o	o	o
Ability to express himself or herself orally	o	o	o	o	o
Initiative	o	o	o	o	o
Ability to cope with ambiguity	o	o	o	o	o
Ability to work with a group of peers	o	o	o	o	o
Common sense and good judgment	o	o	o	o	o
Ability to adjust to uncomfortable and/or unusual situations	o	o	o	o	o

I  would  would not enjoy having the student as a member of a group for which I was responsible.

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What are the student's intellectual and/or other strengths relevant to studying abroad?

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\_\_\_\_\_

What are the student's intellectual and/or other weaknesses that might be relevant to studying abroad?

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Please comment on the student's motivation for study abroad. Does he or she have the ability and maturity to achieve his or her personal and/or academic goals in studying abroad?

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Please add any other comments that would be helpful to the Admissions Committee in its decision.

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