

SAU GUATEMALA

FALL & SPRING SEMESTERS

SAU tuition + SAU standard room and board + cost of program + \$150 study abroad fee

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No cost* for those with full CCS benefit**
\$1,400* for those with half CCS benefit**
\$2,800* for those with no CCS benefit**

ACTIVITIES Spend a semester abroad in beautiful Guatemala. Guatemala is known as the “land of eternal spring,” and about 50% of the population is Mayan Indian. We will travel to Antigua, Guatemala, a city that was once the capital city of all of Central America. We will also visit other cities, meet with guest speakers, visit Mayan ruins and tour Mayan villages and coffee factories.

In COR 275/COR 375 class, we will be visiting ministries, social service agencies, schools and businesses. Students will have the opportunity to do volunteer work, practicum experiences and internships at many agencies throughout the Antigua area. Optional activities, at additional cost to the student, include a zipline tour of the rainforest, salsa lessons and numerous other options.

CURRICULUM Students will take COR 274/275 on-site. Students who have already completed their Cross Cultural requirement and want a more in-depth cross-cultural experience may sign up for COR 374/375. Students also will take at least 3 credit hours of Spanish. Each student will have their own Guatemalan instructor and will have one-on-one Spanish language instruction at Impact Language School (cambiolanguageschool.com), a well respected and widely known language school. Students can fill the rest of their semester schedule from many other courses regularly taught by Paul Nemecek at the SAU Center, including PHI 210 Survey of Worldviews, HIS 333 Latin America, SOC 314 Cultural Anthropology, POL/PSY/SOC/SWK 351 Statistics for non-math majors, SAU online classes, as well as practicum and internship experiences taken on-site. There are also ample opportunities to volunteer at a variety of NGOs and social service agencies.

Open to all majors by application.
Ideal for Global Studies and Spanish majors.

ACCOMMODATIONS & DETAILS While in Antigua, students will live with carefully screened Guatemalan families arranged by SAU and Impact Language School. Students will gain plenty of language practice and insights into family life through this immersion experience. Students will take their classes, have meetings and participate in recreational activities at the SAU Guatemala Center. The Center has computers and internet available to students. The city center in Antigua has free Wi-Fi. All students will be provided a Guatemalan cell phone for use during the program, as well as a membership at a conveniently located local gym with exercise equipment and hot showers.

PROJECTED COSTS SAU tuition, standard room and board and the program cost will cover SAU semester housing, meals, Spanish lessons, a visit to Mayan ruins, required activities and travel within Guatemala, and airfare to and from Guatemala with the group. The program cost does NOT include \$150 study abroad fee, passport, immunizations and medications. Students should also plan to take a minimum of \$40 per week for snacks, laundry and miscellaneous personal expenses. Your SAU financial aid will apply to the costs. Students who wish to add weeks to their semester may do so at additional cost. Airfare is departure from and returning to Detroit Metro Airport (DTW) or Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD). Individualized air schedules will cost more.

This experience, like all CCS experiences, is subject to political and safety realities at the time of departure. CCS options can be physically and emotionally intense and stretching. Before enrolling, all participants should consult the disclosures on Physical Hardships of CCS.

Passport and immunizations required (both at additional cost).



“Consistently I find myself longing for the time when strangers became family, cultural barriers weren’t a thing, and the slower pace of life was welcome. Guatemala is a country with a rich history, beautiful scenery, and even more beautiful people. You can’t help but fall in love with the culture and the Latin American “tranquila” lifestyle. The Guatemala semester showed me how a different culture lives and how full life can be without material wealth. It’s amazing what one step of faith and getting out of your comfort zone can do. The value is immeasurable.”

Heidi Meeuwenberg

“Living in Guatemala for a semester was life-changing for me. I solidified my Spanish skills, learned about and participated in local traditions, and fell deeply in love with the people and places of Guatemala. Most importantly, God used my semester abroad to help me recognize my role in the worldwide Body of Christ and to realize that God is working in exciting ways around the world!”

Katie Clugston

SUGGESTED READING BEFORE DEPARTURE

I, Rigoberta Menchu : An Indian Woman in Guatemala
by Rigoberta Menchu, Elisabeth Burgos-Debray and Ann Wright
ISBN-10: 0860917886
ISBN-13: 978-086091788

Guatemala - Culture Smart!: The Essential Guide to Customs & Culture
by Lisa Vaughn
ISBN-10: 1857333489

Searching for Everardo: A Story of Love, War, and the CIA in Guatemala
by Jennifer K. Harbury
ISBN-10: 0446520365
ISBN-13: 978-0446520362

To learn your next steps toward participating in this program, attend an SAU Semester Abroad workshop to get an application for important details in your planning.

Students whose health insurance does not cover them abroad must purchase a Premium insurance policy through the International ID Card at an extra cost of \$75.

CCS program costs do not include: tuition, passport, immunizations, or the \$150 study abroad fee. The study abroad fee provides the basic international ID, insurance, travel photos and support services.