



# May Term Travel 2024

CDIS 260/660

## Guatemala: Service-Learning in Language, Culture, and Education

Course instructor: Barbara Conboy, PhD

Course dates: May 5 – June 1, 2024

Enrollment Limit = 12 – sign up in Sept/Oct 2023

Course Fee = \$2200.00\*

\* Fees include room and board in Antigua Guatemala and during multi-day trips to various regions of the country; Spanish or Kaqchikel Mayan language instruction; insurance; and instructional fees. Airfare, required vaccinations, and personal expenses are not included.

***Open to students of ANY major!!***

***Liberal Arts Inquiry requirements: CER, ESS, CPI***

***Counts as a social science course for Latin American Studies (LAST) major or minor***

**Interested in Latin American languages and cultures?**

**Want to improve your Spanish, and gain direct experience working with children in educational settings?**

**Want to learn about how culture and language influence the ways we raise and educate our children, and the ways we learn?**

This course is open to all students, regardless of major, and to students with all levels of Spanish. The course is for students who are interested in cultural, linguistic, and educational issues concerning children. Experiential learning, self-reflection, and discussion are used to help students foster an understanding of cultural and societal differences in educational approaches and practices, including language development issues (e.g., bilingualism and language-learning differences and disabilities). Cultural differences in language socialization practices are also explored. Students work individually or in small groups with children who speak Spanish, and improve their Spanish conversational skills (through home-stays, volunteer experiences, and Spanish language classes). Proficient Spanish speakers deepen their understanding of first language acquisition in children who speak Spanish and learn the Kaqchikel Mayan language. Students complete service work, reading, discussion, journal entries, and a short written project and participate in multi-day trips to various regions of Guatemala.

**If interested, please contact the course instructor (Barbara Conboy) at: [barbara\\_conboy@redlands.edu](mailto:barbara_conboy@redlands.edu)**