

# EL SALVADOR

A GVSU FACULTY-LED PROGRAM



## El Salvador & Guatemala: Social Work

**Open to: BSW and MSW Majors and other students with a genuine interest in Latin America**

### TELL ME ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

San Salvador, El Salvador and Lake Atitlán, Guatemala — This program will expose students to the rich cultures of El Salvador and Guatemala, expanding their awareness of issues of social justice, peace and human rights as they relate to social work in Central America.

The first half of the program, students will be based in the capital city of San Salvador. Students will meet with people that have been affected by social issues such as immigration, sex work, gangs, human trafficking and others. There will be a two-day excursion to the rural community of Santa Marta, where students will live with local families and participate in a service learning project. The second half of the course includes travel to Guatemala City and San Juan on Lake Atitlán in Guatemala. There they will meet with indigenous communities surrounding Lake Atitlán and explore indigenous communities' unique and distinct world views and cultures.

### Student Blogs

[2014 - Erin Hand](#)

[2014 - Chris Borda](#)

[2014 - Ken Ford](#)

[El Salvador Social Work Flickr](#)  
[Cultural Information](#)

### WHEN CAN I GO?

**April 28 - May 12, 2018**  
(15 days)

### WHERE WILL I LIVE?

Participants will live in a guest house in San Salvador, with host families in rural Santa Marta and in a quaint Inn on Lake Atitlán in Santiago, Guatemala.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

Open to BSW and MSW majors and students in other disciplines with permission from director . 2.0 GPA (undergraduate) or 3.0 GPA (graduate) required.

[Non-GVSU students](#) are eligible.

Visit the website for details.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

To apply for this program, log on to [www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad](http://www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad) to begin your online application.

## APPLICATION DEADLINE (2018 Program): **February 1, 2018**

**Non-GVSU Students** are welcome to apply. Please view [Non-GVSU Student Information](#)

## WHAT CREDITS WILL I RECEIVE?

Undergraduate students will register for a total of 3 credits:

### UNDERGRADUATE:

**SW 354:** International Service (3 credits)

### GRADUATE:

**SW 630:** Social Work Global Service Learning (3 credits)

**Language of instruction:** English

## HOW MUCH DOES THE PROGRAM COST?

The approximate fee for this program is Program Fee: \$2,400.

### Includes

- Round-trip airfare from Grand Rapids
- All ground transportation
- Accommodation and all meals
- Course materials
- Field trips
- Visa (obtained at airport in San Salvador)

### Other Expenses

- GVSU tuition (3 undergraduate credits = \$1,575 OR 3 graduate credits = \$1,881)
- Personal Expenses (Optional) (\$400)
- Recommended Vaccinations (Optional) (\$375)
- Program materials (\$150)
- Additional snacks (Optional) (\$150)
- Passport (\$140)
- ISIC card (Optional) (\$28)

**Total Estimated Cost: Total Projected Cost (Program Fee + Other Expenses) = \$5,161(Undergraduate) OR \$5,455(Graduate)**

## FINANCIAL AID

To contact the Financial Aid office, email [finaid@gvsu.edu](mailto:finaid@gvsu.edu) with “Study Abroad” in the Subject line. Include your **G Number** and **Total Projected Cost** of the program in the e-mail.

**Non-GVSU Students:** Non-GVSU students admitted for study abroad are not eligible for Financial Aid from GVSU. Check with your home school's study abroad and financial aid offices for details on applying for financial aid from your home school toward study abroad program costs.

[Financial Aid FAQs](#)

## GRANTS

**FACULTY-LED PROGRAM GRANT (up to \$1,500)** All degree-seeking students who apply to their faculty-led program by the priority deadline are automatically considered for a grant of up to \$1,500 from the Padnos International Center. Students must have a current FAFSA on file to be eligible. No application required.

**James F. and Virginia L. Goode Global Programs Scholarship:** The purpose of the scholarship is to reduce the financial pressure on students and their families and make a Grand Valley education accessible to students from all backgrounds. This need-based scholarship will ensure that financial need does not become a barrier to intellectual and personal growth for students planning to study abroad.

MyScholarships: <https://gvsu.academicworks.com/opportunities/10186>

Visit [www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad/scholarships](http://www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad/scholarships) for additional information on grants and scholarships.

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