Service Learning Study Abroad
Habitat for Humanity
Spring Break: March 20-29, 2009

General Description: The College of Business and the Department of Romance Languages offer a 3 credit Service Learning Project with Habitat for Humanity's Global Village program. These programs are short-term home building projects that develop cross-cultural understanding and increase awareness for the need for simple, decent, affordable shelter for all people. This program offers opportunities for close interaction with the community.

Service Learning Organization: Habitat for Humanity is an international non-profit organization whose goal is to provide decent housing for all people. It is not a give-away program, but a joint venture in which recipient families must be directly involved in the building of their own home and of others' homes. In addition to "sweat equity" families are required to repay their no-profit, interest-free mortgages to Habitat who uses the money to help fund the construction of more homes.

For more information regarding Habitat, check out www.habitat.org and for specifics about affiliates in Guatemala, go to www.habitatguate.org/

Why Guatemala? Cincinnati has a growing Guatemalan immigrant population who has found jobs in manufacturing, landscaping, construction, and service industries. While in Guatemala you will see the rich culture and heritage that these immigrants have left behind in the pursuit of better paying jobs, education and opportunity in the US.

Cultural Sightseeing: The group will spend the first and final days in **Antigua**, nestled among three volcanoes - Agua, Fuego and Acatenango. The Spanish Colonial style architecture permeates every part of the town: its houses, churches, squares, parks and ruins. Antigua is a city of charm and color where you will see indigenous artisans selling their beautiful crafts.

Work site: Quiché, homeland of most of the K'iche'Maya.

Guatemala is a Spanish speaking country located in Central America. It is a country of dramatic contrasts from active volcanoes to beaches, impressive ruins of Mayan temples to Spanish colonial towns. In November 1999, Guatemala held its first peacetime elections in nearly 40 years. Today it is a constitutional democratic republic: run-off elections will be held in November 2007 to elect a new President.

Eligibility: All CoB students at the jr./sr. level who have completed 22 INTB380 Global Business Environment and all Spanish majors who have completed their 200 level sequence are eligible. Students must be in good academic standing and demonstrate a commitment to community service.

Course Credit: **22-INTB-515** (4 cr.) or **15-SPAN-500** (3 cr.) (register winter or spring quarter).

Students are required to volunteer with UC's Habitat for Humanity house one Saturday in Cincinnati, attend prep sessions to be scheduled winter quarter, volunteer in Guatemala for one week, and complete various academic assignments during the course.

Travel Documents: 1) Passport - Download the passport application from www.travel.state.gov (Allow 6-8 weeks for delivery.)
2) International Student ID: $22 available from UC International, 3134 One Edwards.

Health Requirements: All participants should be up to date on their tetanus shots (good for 10 years.) Go to http://www.cdc.gov/travel/ for recommended vaccinations.

Accommodations: Lodging will be arranged by Habitat for Humanity Guatemala in simple and safe hotels. Meals will be provided by Habitat on work days.

Estimated out of pocket expenses: Costs subject to change

International Airfare	@$750
Passport	$100
Room and Board	$350
Insurance (as required by Habitat)	$ 30
Donation to Habitat for Humanity	$500
Entrance fees and sightseeing	$ 50
TOTAL	**$1780 (before grants)**

Note: Habitat for Humanity requests that each participant donates $500. This money is used to buy building materials and to cover administrative costs involved with coordinating a work trip. In the past, students have fundraised to help with their donations.
Additional costs: UC tuition for 3 credits and spending money

Grants: Students may apply for a grant ranging from $200-$700 from UC International to cover expenses in Guatemala, unless they have received a UC International grant within the previous 12 months. CoB will subsidize airfare over $500 for business students. Spanish majors are eligible to apply for a Taft Scholarship or a Romance Lang. and Lit. Scholarship.

Application deadline: November 7, 2008

For more information contact group leaders: www.business.uc.edu/global

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