VOLUNTEER ABROAD AND EARN CREDIT TOWARDS YOUR DEGREE!

TRAVEL

Through this unique opportunity, you will learn about community engagement and social action, while also having the satisfaction of helping people first-hand and traveling abroad!

What you will do:

Begin an online course at home and understand the history and tradition of community engagement → Volunteer abroad → Return home and complete your online course with reflective exercises and written work.

No matter where you go, you will be volunteering with a group of like-minded participants from all over the world. You will be more than a tourist- you will become an active global citizen by contributing your energy on projects that truly make a difference. You can choose to volunteer in a developing country such as Thailand, Ecuador or the Dominican Republic, or you may find yourself in the Australian Outback for an intimate experience working with local people to build a school or to preserve the environment.

STUDY

ENGAGING GLOBALLY
Urban and Community Development 114 (4 quarter units)

This online course will introduce you to issues of community engagement and social action in international contexts, and will prepare you to understand social and environmental problems in a globalized world. The course requirements include on-line instruction, on-site service learning in structured projects, critical reflection, and a final paper.

What you will learn:

- The history and tradition of community engagement globally and about the specific organizations
- The ethics of community engagement
- Cultural expertise related to the community you will volunteer in
- Skills and knowledge of fieldwork methodology
- Reflective, analytical and writing skills

LIVE
Living situations on service learning projects vary depending on the project you choose: with a family in Costa Rica, in dormitory style accommodations, or even backpacking in New Zealand. Make sure you research all of your options and choose a volunteer experience that will work best for you!

One way for you to complete the service learning requirement is through **International Student Volunteers (ISV)**. ISV has projects all over the world, which begin on many different dates through the entire summer that will work well for the structure of this course. On each of these projects you would be in a group of 15 – 20 students from around the country. Learn more about ISV- [http://isvonline.com](http://isvonline.com)

Other types of projects and organizations may also be acceptable (subject to approval by the instructor), but ISV is a good place for you to begin your research.

**Ready to get started? Here's how:**

**Step One: Enroll in the summer online course**

The online course will open for instruction on May 1. Your personal coursework will begin, and assignments will be due, depending on when you choose to begin your volunteer project. As you plan, remember that there is coursework to complete online prior to participating in your chosen service-learning project.

To enroll in the course, simply visit [www.summer.uci.edu/travelstudy](http://www.summer.uci.edu/travelstudy) and go to the section on Volunteering Abroad.

**Course fee for UC Undergrads:** $1,100*

*Course fees for Summer Session are pending the State budget and approval by the Regents of the University of California, and are subject to change. The figure above assumes an estimated 30% increase over Summer 2009 fees, but does not represent an official statement of fee levels. All fees are subject to change. There will also be an additional fee for the service learning project that you choose. Fees vary by sponsoring institution, project and location, and you must enroll in the service learning project separately from enrolling in the online course. The fees for the volunteer experience typically cover room and board.

**Step Two: Choose an on-site service learning project**

As part of the *Engaging Globally* course, you will be required to participate in an on-site volunteer project abroad. We are here to help, but please note that it is your responsibility to find and enroll in a service learning project. **Enrolling in the online course does not automatically enroll you in a service project.** We recommend that you enroll in a service learning project as soon as possible and no later than 60 days prior to your desired departure date.
Be sure to find a volunteer project that begins no earlier than May 15th and ends no later than September 15th. This will allow you enough time to complete the pre-departure and post-project portions of the online course. **International Student Volunteers (http://isvonline.com)** is one organization that can help you find the project that is best for you.