

Global Citizenship Term Abroad

UBC Arts Group Study + Service Learning, Guatemala

PHILOSOPHY 335: POWER AND OPPRESSION
SOCIOLOGY 430: CIVIL SOCIETY IN THEORY AND PRACTICE

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During Summer Term One, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2015, Kemple and Berryman co-directed a Group Study Abroad programme in rural Guatemala, featuring 6 credits of upperlevel Arts coursework, informal Spanish and service learning experiences. Organized on an *ad hoc* basis through UBC's Go Global office, groups of 20 students travelled for 6 weeks while studying intensively with two UBC professors. Students learned about classical social theories of civil society and of power and oppression, while visiting community groups struggling to organize to combat poverty and to deal with the legacies of centuries of colonial oppression, civil war, and systemic violence. Many students received financial support from a generous donor, through Arts Research Abroad funding.

GCTA is organized on an occasional basis: no trips are currently planned.



Studying on a rural coffee cooperative, El Palmar Guatemala 2010.