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The SDSU College of Health and Human Services is launching an international study initiative in spring 2009 with the introduction of a new general studies course, General Studies 350, Applied International Health and Human Services.

The course features both classroom and international study components. This upper-division general education course meets the undergraduate explorations requirement in the "social and behavioral sciences" category.

Field experience in Mexico

The field experience portion of GS 350 takes place during spring break 2009, March 28 - April 5. SDSU students will travel to La Gloria, a colonia in Mexico, about 30 minutes south of the border. The objective of this course is to provide opportunities for all College of Health and Human Services undergraduate students, as well as other SDSU undergraduates, to have an international study experience prior to graduation.

This innovative course features an international experience with a focus on health and human services through a partnership with Esperanza International, a Mexican non-profit organization that promotes the development of low-income communities.

Key activities

During the travel portion of the course, participants in GS 350 will be exposed to the medical, social service, environmental and cultural aspects of an underserved community in Mexico.

Key activities include:

- Visits to a local children's hospital, an orphanage, a health center, a migrant camp and a maquiladora (a factory that produces products for a foreign company)
- Participation in cultural activities and excursions to a colonia in Guadalupe Valley, Mexico
- Building a home for a local family

For more information

For more information, please visit the program's [website](#) or [e-mail](#) Claire Norberg or call (619) 594-6151.

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