

GINs 3200: Experiential Learning Abroad [0.5 credit]

Course Description

This course is an experiential learning opportunity combining service work abroad with classroom instruction on the Carleton campus. Through experiential engagement outside of Canada, alongside critical reflection, students will learn about the challenges and rewards of global engagement. For the Summer 2020 term, the trip destination being offered is Belize.

Prerequisite(s): Third-year standing and permission from the department

Service Project and Theme

This course has been developed using a theory to practice philosophy. During the first portion of the class (approximately 3 weeks), students will cover themes and information necessary to the implementation of a service project to be completed in Belize, which will focus on Indigenous rights. Students will then apply the knowledge they have developed during the experiential portion of the course, which lasts approximately 2 weeks. Students will then return to Carleton University for a final opportunity for reflection and assessment.

In 2015, the Caribbean Court of Justice issued a consent order on the Maya Land Rights Case brought before it. This was a historic ruling for Belize and surrounding regions, reinforcing land rights for Maya people. While in Belize, students will partner with the Centre for Engaged Learning Abroad and Maya communities in the Toledo District on projects related to the Maya Land Rights ruling.

Course Capacity

There are up to 15 spots available in this course.

Costs

Estimated Program Costs: \$3000 CDN (approximate value as USD exchange rates can fluctuate)

Program costs include: flights, in-country transit, accommodations, meals, project costs, and some cultural activities. Please note there are bursaries available to BGINs students registered in this course, which are allocated based on financial need (from \$500-\$2500). Students in other departments may also be eligible for bursaries.

Tuition Fees

Applicable tuition fees for this course will be charged to your Student Account.

Application (Letter of Intent)

Interested students must prepare a one-page cover letter outlining their motivations for completing this course, and answer the following three questions (maximum of 500 words each):

- Please explain your reasoning/rationale for applying for the experiential learning abroad academic course?
- What are you going to contribute to the group learning environment?
- What are you hoping to learn/take away from this experience?

Please note all applications must be submitted online to the application portal by no later than Monday, January 24, 2020.