This course involves a unique student cultural exchange and service-learning opportunity both in Michigan and the Mexican state of Guanajuato examining “both sides of the fence”. Students from the University of DeLaSalle Bajio in Guanajuato and Western Michigan University will explore issues of migration, cultural influences, and the impact that migration has on personal and community health. Together, they will provide community service in Michigan migrant farmworker camps. Subsequently, the course will continue in Guanajuato, Mexico were students will reside in small communities affected by migration. They will work on a project addressing the challenges of obesity and migration under the direction of the Community Foundation of the Bajio, a Mexican non-profit organization.

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Language
English/Spanish (Basic Spanish proficiency recommended)

Subjects
Mexican/US Migration, Nutrition, Intergenerational Learning, Community Education

Eligibility
Good Academic Standing — 2.0 minimum
Sophomore, Junior, Senior, or Graduate Student

Program Fee
$2400 undergraduate* / $2959 graduate*
*includes tuition, housing, in-country transportation, and most meals

Program Dates
Summer II 2015 — July 5-August 1

Application Deadline:
4/30/2015

Financial Aid can be applied to study abroad, including Kalamazoo Promise and Michigan Education Trust.

This course is eligible for the Haenicke Institute for Global Education Study Abroad Scholarship.

Info Sessions and walk-in advising at WMU Study Abroad Office, open M-F 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

IPE 3050/6050
4 WMU credits