Course Description

This course provides students the valuable opportunity to utilize and improve their Spanish language skills through internship or service learning in the Kalamazoo Community. Students will work closely with local schools, hospitals and clinics, community groups, legal offices and other service organizations to complete projects and gain experience with Kalamazoo’s Hispanic population. The class will meet one day a week while other course hours will be completed on-site with their service projects and coordinators. Scholarship and Grant opportunities are encouraged and supported. Weekly meetings will focus on discussion of service-learning experiences, Spanish for various professions and readings concerning contemporary issues facing the Hispanic population in Michigan and the U.S.

Eligibility

Spanish majors must have completed a minimum of 12 hrs. of Spanish in courses at the 3000-level or above; students must also have permission from the Spanish Professor in order to register for this course.

Sample Placements

- Bronson Hospital
- Croyden Avenue School
- El Sol Elementary School
- Farmworker Legal Services
- Hispanic American Council
- Kalamazoo Central High School
- Kalamazoo Communities in Schools
- Kalamazoo Family Health Center
- Kalamazoo Regional Educ. Service Agency
- Archdiocese of Kalamazoo
- Immigration Assistance Program
- Lincoln Elementary School
- Maple Street Middle School
- Vine Street Dual Language School
- Woods Edge Learning Center
- WMU Division of Multicultural Affairs

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Application Deadline: October 26, 2023

Applications available in the Department of Spanish or via www.wmich.edu/spanish

Application reviews will include an interview with the course Professor