

Official Transcript
Boston College's Global Proficiency Program

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I. International Experience

Casa de la Solidaridad, El Salvador

September, 2005 - December, 2005

- Intensive immersion program focused on social justice and solidarity with the poor

University of Cape Town, South Africa

February, 2006 – June 2006

- Studied courses encompassing themes from South African culture, history, and religion
- Volunteered at Red Cross Children's Hospital and Student Health and Welfare Centres Organization

II. Academic Component

Major: *English*

Minor: *International Studies*

Languages: Spanish

- 5 college courses in Spanish

Humanities Courses:

- Philosophy of Solidarity and Suffering
- Seminar: Praxis (El Salvador)
- Latin American Theology
- Religion and Conflict

- Liberation Christology

Social Science, Business, Education Courses:

- Political Structures and Processes in El Salvador
- Race, Culture, and Identity in Africa
- Globalization
- Peace or War: U.S. in the Third World

III. Co-curricular Activities

Activity 1: Student Leader, Pedro Arrupe Nicaragua Solidarity Trip

September, 2006 - May, 2007

- Description: Student leader for the social justice and faith-based solidarity trip with a group of 12 students
- Skills: Facilitation of group, organization of trip, leading reflections and educational activities.
- Time Commitment: 1 month interviewing and selection process for trip applicants, 1.5 hour weekly meetings for student leaders, 2 hour weekly meetings with groups, 1 hour weekly planning meeting with co-leader, pre and post-trip weekend retreats, 10 day trip, post-trip fundraising event and planning

Activity 2: Internship, FUNDAHMER (Fundación Hermano Mercedes Ruiz), El Salvador *July, 2006 - August, 2006*

- Description: Volunteer at the non-profit organization that supports sustainable development in the forty-five ecclesial base communities of El Salvador. Responsibilities included accompanying delegations, translating documents in Spanish and English.
- Skills: Translating, grassroots organizing, aiding in sustainable development work.
- Time Commitment: 5 days per week

Activity 3: Participant, Pedro Arrupe Guatemala Solidarity Trip

January, 2005

- Description: Campus Ministry program to Guatemala and the Center for Global Education to learn about the history, politics, economics, and culture of the region through meetings with speakers from different sectors of society, and a home-stay with Mayan families.
- Skills: Heightened awareness about issues facing Guatemala and Central America, and issues of poverty in the world.
- Time Commitment: 2 hour weekly meetings, pre-trip retreat, two weeks in Guatemala, and post-trip activities

Activity 4: Founder, Batahola Volunteers, Managua, Nicaragua

November, 2006

- Description: Founder and coordinator of organization which will be a 2-year volunteer program at the Centro Cultural Batahola Norte, and in the community. Will direct and lead volunteers in launching classes in English, creative writing, promote cooperatives and micro-finance, and collaborate with women and youth in the community on other projects.
- Skills: Creating of the program in collaboration with the Center and other volunteers; fundraising.
- Time Commitment: 2-hour weekly meetings, 5 day trip to Nicaragua in November