Thick jungles, mountain terrain and interior, lakeside Mayan villages provide an electrifying backdrop for this intensive public-health investigation in the developing country of Guatemala.

Over a 15-day period, this study will address such topics as social, cultural, political and economic determinants of health; health beliefs, practices and status; epidemiology; endemic diseases; environmental health; and organization, financing and delivery of health care.

While immersed in the rich culture of Guatemala, students will attend daily classes, tour selected health facilities, travel to remote Mayan villages and interact with local residents.

The tour also includes exceptional recreational and sight-seeing opportunities—highlighted by travel to the magnificent Mayan ruins at Tikal National Parque—and a visit to the more-than-one-thousand year-old altiplano market in Chichicastenango.

### cancellation

In the event of an off-campus course cancellation, students will be refunded all fees recoverable from program providers (airlines, hotels, etc.). The OIE will negotiate for refunds. The University reserves the right to cancel this program in the event that student safety abroad is in question.

Students who wish to purchase cancellation insurance should contact their insurance provider.

In the event of a cancellation, tuition refunds will be given in accordance with the policy of the University. Copies of cancellation policy, required releases, and medical statements may be obtained from the OIE.

The program accepts no responsibility for personal property, which must be insured separately if so desired; in particular, students are urged not to bring valuables with them. The program reserves the right to make changes required by unforeseen circumstances.

### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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This six-credit field study takes students out of a traditional classroom setting and immerses them in the rich culture and vast beauty of the developing country of Guatemala. Daily lectures and discussion groups, along with visits to a variety of interesting health facilities, complement extensive fieldwork. This unique, hands-on curriculum is designed to give students a meaningful view of Guatemalan life through interaction with its peoples and social institutions.

Faculty members provide lectures, lead visits to health facilities, guide students in their field work and interact with participants throughout the course. The small ratio of students to faculty helps make this a vivid academic experience. Course grades will be based on participation in course activities and the completion of a detailed field notebook.

Graduate students enroll in
PCH 570
International Field Studies in Health
6 credits

Undergraduate students enroll in
PCH 490
Health Studies Abroad
6 credits

REQUIREMENTS
• Completion of risk management packets, including release of liability, health report, and proof of insurance. (Students must either purchase Aetna Student Health Plan, which includes OnCall emergency coverage, or OnCall stand-alone emergency coverage for $36.00. This policy can be purchased in the Office of International Education, or OIE).
• Records free of disciplinary problems
• Permission of the instructor
• Students must be capable of mild strenuous exercise

Guatemala, the most populous country in Central America, is the second poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.

Nearly half of the population of Guatemala is composed of indigenous Maya, identified linguistically by 25 unique Mayan languages.

Our experience takes place in Mayan towns and villages in the central highlands and in the lowland rainforest of Northern Guatemala.

The people we meet along the way become our indispensable cultural informants and unforgettable friends.

The impact of economics, politics and culture on health in Guatemala are profound, but nothing will make a greater impression on you than the astounding beauty of the country and its remarkable people.

Along the way on our journey, students take lodging in four charming hotels. Guestrooms in the Aurora Hotel in Antigua Guatemala surround a beautifully landscaped courtyard. At the magnificent Hotel Santo Tomas in Chichicastenango, students reside in a veritable Colonial museum. The Posada de Santiago in Santiago Atitlan boasts a magnificent view of Lake Atitlan and San Pedro Volcano, and sleeping quarters in unique bungalows. Inside the rainforest of Tikal National Parque, the Tikal Inn’s thatched-roof cabañas offer lullabies of howler monkeys beneath a dreamy, star-drenched sky.

$2,250.00*
This program fee includes
• Airfare, room and board, round-trip domestic transportation from SCSU to the airport
• Travel within Guatemala
• Entrance fees to course attractions
• Some continental breakfasts

This program fee does not include SCSU’s tuition and summer registration fee ($2,743.00 for undergraduates, $3,457.00 for graduates), personal expenses, touring, laundry, snacks, medical and living expenses, or any additional expenses that alter the itinerary or arrangements.

A deposit of $500 is due when the application is submitted to the OIE. The deposit is non-refundable once the student is notified by the faculty trip leader of their acceptance into the program. This guarantees participation in the program and reserves lodging. A second payment of $875 is due on April 30, 2014. The remainder of the balance ($875) is due no later than May 30, 2014.

For information on financial aid and scholarships, please contact Gloria Lee at 203-392-5445 or LeeG1@SouthernCT.edu.

*Fees are based on historical program costs and current rates of exchange. Extreme fluctuation in exchange rates or costs may result in additional fees being charged. In the event that additional fees exceed the costs above by more than 20%, the student may choose to withdraw from the course and receive a refund of all funds recoverable by the university. Fees will be frozen on May 1, 2014. There will be no refunds after May 1.