

Guatemala Study Abroad: Education & Agriculture

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Info Session

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Session Overview

- Introduce the Guatemala Study Abroad program
- Key themes, courses, logistics
- Eligibility, expectations, and how to register
- Q&A



Study Abroad Overview

- Grounded in themes of education, agriculture (plant sciences), Indigenous knowledge, and colonial legacies, critically examining the intersecting issues of culture, politics, land tenure, sustainability, and the environment.
- Short-term study abroad during T2 Winter Break 2026. Tentative dates: **February 12 – 23, 2026**. 12 days including travel days (10 days in Guatemala)
- 10-day agenda will include visits to educational and agricultural sites in Guatemala City, and surrounding areas in Guatemala (i.e. Lake Atitlan, Panajachel, etc.)
- Hybrid classes will be mandatory pre- and post-study abroad (in-person + virtual).



Educational Foundations Course

EFDT 885: Investigations in Culture and Environment

- Investigates the political, cultural, and ecological dimensions of citizenship education through inquiry-based, experiential learning in Guatemala.
- Engages students in land and place-based pedagogies, organizational and partnership encounters, and critical reflections on displacement, discomfort, and environmental justice.
- Explores global Indigenous knowledges and the impact of colonialism on culture and place, supporting students to translate their experiences in Guatemala into their research and teaching in Canadian contexts.

Agriculture and Bioresources course

PLSC 444: Agriculture Study Tour

- Introduces the agricultural, cultural, and ecological dimensions of Guatemala through inquiry-based, experiential learning.
- Engages students in direct encounters with local farmers and industry to deepen understanding of local agroecosystems.
- Encourages students to critically reflect on agriculture, culture, and sustainability and apply their experiences to their research or professional agriculture practices in Canadian contexts.

What you will learn...

By the completion of this course, students will:

- demonstrate an understanding of the most important crops produced in xxx province, Guatemala
- understand Guatemalan production methods for a few crops,
- determine the importance of various crops to the economy of the country,
- develop an understanding of some of the customs and the culture of Guatemalans, and
- discover the geography and biodiversity of xx province.

Evaluations

- Precis 1 - 10%
- Precis 2 - 10%
- Precis 3 - 10%
- Oral presentation in Guatemala - 20%
- Term paper - 20%
- Presentations to fellow U of S students end of March (dates to be finalized) - 20%
- Participation/engagement/respect during class and field tour - 10%
- Total – 100%

Meet CASAS – Hosting Organization

- CASAS-Semilla offers cultural immersion activities, Spanish language study, and hospitality services to visitors from around the world.



Eligibility & Expectations



- Students must be registered in an Agriculture undergrad/grad program OR an Education grad program.
- Special considerations may be made for students outside Ag & Ed colleges
- Must be in good academic standing
- Must meet/discuss with Luke or Randy to be accepted into the program

Program Fees & Deadlines – PLSC 444

- \$1,800 CAD (non-refundable) charged on registration in the course
- Fees include meals, accommodations, in-country transportation & excursion fees.
- Flights are not included; students must cover their own flight costs.
- Regular Term 2 Tuition. Tuition is in addition to program fees.
- Agriculture travel award possible (~\$500)

Program Fees & Deadlines – EFDT 885

- Up to 3,500 CAD (non-refundable) depending on flight costs
- Fees include return airfare, meals, accommodations, in-country transportation & excursion fees.
- Flights ARE included, and the final program fee will depend on flight costs.
- Regular Term 2 Tuition. Tuition is in addition to program fees.
- Education Travel Award (tentative)
- **Registration and Payment Schedule**

Payment deadline	Amount
October 17, 2025	\$1,500
November 3, 2025	\$1,000
November 17, 2025	Up to \$1,000*

Program Contacts & Webpages

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**Guatemala 2026 Study
Abroad Program Page:**



**Megan's Guatemala 2024
Study Abroad Experience:**



QUESTIONS???

