

PSCI 25 Eye Care and Culture in Nicaragua

Description: We will spend around ten days in Nicaragua, chiefly in the Atlantic Coast Autonomous Regions. Almost all of the days in those regions will be spent in clinics, where students-in conjunction with three optometrists who volunteer their time for the trip-will administer eye exams, write prescriptions, and distribute glasses. While in Nicaragua, the students will keep detailed journals that they will complete following their return to Williamstown. They will interact with Nicaraguans during the eye clinics, and will have opportunities for speaking with them during evenings. Students will also be expected to attend organizational and training meetings and complete a number of relevant readings prior to the trip.

Method of evaluation/requirements: final project

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment limit: 12

Selection process: students will submit applications indicating why they want to take the course. It is important to have some students who are fluent in Spanish

Cost to student: \$3800

Meeting time: Jan. 3-5, 1-3:50 p.m.

Instructor(s): Rashida Braggs, Robert Peck