Writing Global Health in Guatemala: WRIT 499  
May 25-June 19, 2020  
Problems Without Passports  
Quetzaltenango, Guatemala  
(A maximum of 13 students will be accepted into this course.)

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**Academic Awards, Scholarships and Honors**

1. ____________________________________________________________

2. ____________________________________________________________

3. ____________________________________________________________

**Current Extracurricular Activities**

1. ____________________________________________________________

2. ____________________________________________________________

3. ____________________________________________________________

4. ____________________________________________________________
What do you hope to do after graduation from USC? And then 10 years down the road?

Quick Takes (Just like the original application to USC!)

Last book you read for fun?

Ever been to Mexico, Central or South America? Name one site/place you would like to visit.

Name one topic you hope is covered in a lecture.

What is the last new food you tried?

What do you think of when you think of Central American culture?

In one sentence, describe a place you have traveled to. In an additional sentence, share the impression it had on you!
Photo: Please attach a recent photo of yourself. A print out of an on-line photo is acceptable.

Personal Statement: Please attach a one-page description as to why you are interested in traveling to Guatemala to study international health and how you believe it will aid in your short or long-term goals.

EXCEPTIONAL FUNDING FOR MORK, PRESIDENTIAL & TRUSTEE SCHOLARS
Are you a Mork, Presidential or Trustee Scholar? Yes No
If so, please initial here to indicate that you understand that the application deadline for exceptional funding to use for this program is expected to be Friday, March 1, 2020. Initial here: ____________

SURF FUNDING
If you have a major in Dornsife College and have a GPA of 3.0 or greater you are eligible for a SURF scholarship. Applications are commonly due April 1, but you will need to keep an eye on the SURF website for deadlines, we need time to write the letters of recommendation that must be attached to the application. Initial here to indicate that you agree to give the instructors a completed SURF application no later than March 1, 2020 if you intend to apply for SURF: ________________

ADDITIONAL SOURCES of FUNDING FROM USC
USC typically gives only one monetary funding award – such as SURF or a Provost Scholarship – per person – regardless of the number of programs you participate in this summer. Initial here that you understand this: ________________

PASSPORT (Answers do not affect admission decision)
Do you currently have a passport? ________________________________

Country of Issue: ____________________________________________

Expiration Date: ____________________________________________

Financial Responsibility and Stakeholder Statement
This is a 4-unit, upper division course for USC credit. There is a tuition charge. The estimated USC tuition for this course is $7452.

The location of the homestays is within walking distance of the school in Xela. Our travels to Lake Atitlan, Lake Chicabal, Chichicastenango and to Antigua are covered in your tuition costs.

The cost per students for housing (out of pocket) above the cost of tuition is approximately $300 dollars.

We estimate the airfare range from Los Angeles to Guatemala to be from $600 to $1000. Students are responsible for booking and paying for their own airfare.

USC requires that all students in all international programs have International SOS Insurance. USC will enroll each student and then charge their account appropriately. Last year the charge was $50.
This brings the **estimated cost beyond tuition to $1500**, taking other potential costs into consideration, like vaccinations and passport renewal.

Sign here to indicate that you have discussed this program and the associated costs with any stakeholders that you might rely on and that you acknowledge you are able to financially afford this course. Please do not wait until the decisions have been announced to have this discussion. Dornsife major can apply for SURF funding of up to $3000. **Students in the past have qualified for the SURF funding** This is an assumption – not a guarantee.

Student Signature: __________________________________________________________

FERPA mandates that your instructors cannot violate your privacy, even with your parents. It is important that you discuss this program with your stakeholders and not surprise them about costs, time commitments, or travel. While we will not violate your privacy we understand that stakeholders might want additional information about this program. We welcome such contacts, especially by e-mail. But it is your responsibility to inform your stakeholders and enlist their support.

Sign here to indicate that you have discussed this program and the associated costs with any stakeholders that you might rely on and that you acknowledge you are able to financially afford this course. Dornsife major can apply for SURF funding of up to $3000 (students received $2000 - $3000 Summer 2015). This is an assumption – not a guarantee.

___________________________________________

Sign here to indicate that you give the staff and faculty associated with this course permission to discuss details of the trip if contacted by your parents. This does not include information on the actual grade that you earn in the course.

Student Signature: __________________________________________________________

___________________________________________

Date

**Applications Accepted on a Rolling Basis Starting Jan. 22, 2020**

**Final Deadline Friday, February 14, 2020 @ 12 PM**

Application can be submitted via email to akarlin@usc.edu or dropped off at JEF 150 (Writing Program Office) – the office is open 9-5 M-F, tell the front desk worker to place the application in Dr. Ashley Karlin’s mailbox. Electronic application preferred.
NONREFUNDABLE COMMITMENT FEE AND WITHDRAWAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

If you are accepted for participation in Writing Global Health in Guatemala (WRIT-499), you will be issued departmental clearance (D-clearance) to register for the course. Upon your registration in the course, your student account will be charged a $400 commitment fee that holds your place in the class. At the end of the class session, this fee will be removed from your fee bill, provided you complete the course.

NONREFUNDABLE COMMITMENT FEE
USC Dornsife academic programs that include travel collect a non-refundable $400 commitment fee from registrants in these programs. By signing below, you acknowledge responsibility for both the commitment fee once notified of acceptance to the program. By the official withdrawal deadline, students will also be responsible for housing fees.

WITHDRAWAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, ________________________________, acknowledge that I have read and understand the withdrawal and refund policy of my department special session program: Writing Global Health in Guatemala (WRIT-499). I understand that if I withdraw from this program, the strictest of applicable withdrawal refund policies (e.g., the policy with the greatest penalty) will apply.

Furthermore, I agree to a $400 charge to my USC student account. I understand that this commitment fee will not be refunded upon my withdrawal from the program, unless such withdrawal is completed in accordance with University policy before the add/drop date for Summer.

___________________________________________  ____________________________
Signature                                                                 Date

___________________________________________  ____________________________
Signature of legal guardian is student is under 18 years of age  Date
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO
Recommendations for a Healthy Study Abroad Experience

Studying abroad may be a stressful event and we would like to assist you in better preparing you for your experience. It is important to note that studying away from home can be risky for those with medical or psychological health conditions that are not managed properly before departure. Therefore, students should take into consideration any special medical, physical, or psychological needs that may impact their participation in the program prior to departure. Please keep in mind that study abroad sites may not be able to accommodate all reported individual needs or circumstances.

**Pre-departure Checkups:**
You are strongly encouraged to schedule a medical exam at the Engemann Student Health Center ([http://engemannshc.usc.edu/](http://engemannshc.usc.edu/)) or with your family physician prior to departure.

A thorough dental exam is also strongly recommended.

For information on necessary or suggested vaccination for travel abroad, consult your family physician or the Engemann Student Health Center ([http://engemannshc.usc.edu/](http://engemannshc.usc.edu/))

**Students Using Medications:**
If you use medication/s, including asthma inhalers, on a regular basis you should take a supply to last throughout your stay and carry a letter from your physician explaining the medical necessity and treatment. Any medications taken overseas should be left in their original containers and be clearly labeled.

Prescription medication for legitimate health conditions may be scrutinized by foreign officials when going through Customs. In some countries drugs that are legal and readily available in the United States will be considered illegal, require a prescription, or a host country authorization to be allowed in the country.

If you are being treated for a psychological health condition work closely with your physician or mental health professional to understand possible triggers and how to reach out for help. It is in your best interest, if you are taking psychotropic medications, to be stable in your medication before starting your overseas experience. Discuss proper medication management with your doctor or mental health professional prior to your departure.

Mailing medication abroad: Most countries have very strict regulations on having medications shipped abroad. Students regularly find that refills of regularly taken medications in the U.S. get stopped by the host country’s Customs. Decisions on what medications may be mailed legally into some foreign countries are made by the host
country government, not the U.S. Post Office. Students should call the host country government office in the U.S.

**Students with Different Abilities**

Passage of legislation such as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and the American with Disabilities Act has spurred schools in the U.S. to accommodate students with varying abilities. It is important to know that other countries are not bound by U.S. legislation, and physical facilities and academic resources vary significantly from one overseas site to another. If you are currently receiving disability-related accommodations at USC or anticipate needing them at your program site, please contact Disability Services and Programs (DSP) located in the Student Union 301 or call (213) 740-0776, to discuss appropriate responses to your needs.
Informed Consent for Study Abroad Programs

Students are expected to consider their physical and mental health and any special needs when deciding whether or not to study abroad and when choosing a program. Studying abroad involves challenges related to differences in facilities and physical conditions, cultural norms and expectations, and types of stress. Students studying abroad are also separated by distance from their familiar support networks and healthcare providers. All students--especially those with different physical or learning abilities, those with medical conditions, and those with psychological issues--are strongly encouraged to consider all potential challenges and consider whether studying abroad at the selected location is appropriate for them. Student may then take necessary steps to have a healthy experience abroad.

Examples of psychological issues that can be exacerbated or triggered while studying abroad include depression, anxiety, body image and eating disorders, panic attacks, and addictive behaviors. Examples of challenges for students with physical and learning disabilities include lack of wheelchair access, pedestrian-unfriendly infrastructures, and little or no accommodation for alternate testing situations.

Students are strongly encouraged to take the following measures to help increase the likelihood of a healthy and successful study abroad experience:
- Get a thorough medical exam and explain to the physician the location and nature of the study abroad program.
- Get any immunizations or take any medications (e.g. anti-malarial) necessary or suggested for the study abroad location and locations in which you plan to travel extensively.
- Bring a sufficient supply of needed medications, including asthma inhalers, along with prescriptions. Don't respond to the stresses of adjusting to a new culture by taking more than the prescribed doses of your medication, discontinuing medication without advice from a doctor, or taking medication prescribed to another student.
- In the case of a history of any psychological issues, consult with a physician or mental health professional and explain to the practitioner the location and nature of the study abroad program.
- In the case of disabilities (e.g. learning disabilities, physical disabilities), consult with Disability Services and Programs (DSP), Student Union 301, 213-740-0776.

Student acknowledges that she/he has read this informed consent and the attached “Know Before You Go” document and that she/he understands their meaning and effect.

Date: ____________________   Student: ________________________________

Date: ____________________   Parents or Legal Guardian: __________________
(If Student is under 18)

Date: ____________________   USC: ________________________________
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MEDICAL TREATMENT AUTHORIZATION

I ________________________________ am a willing participant in the USC sponsored overseas study program called ___________________________________________________. I understand that I am financially responsible for any injury or illness I may sustain while overseas. I understand that the University of Southern California is not in any way responsible to pay for medical treatment on my behalf. In the event I am incapacitated due to a medical emergency, and am unable to authorize treatment to alleviate my condition, I authorize the University of Southern California’s employees, faculty or agents to act on my behalf and authorize such emergency treatment.

I acknowledge that this authorization does not create a duty on the part of the University, and I hereby release the University of Southern California and its trustees, employees, agents and representatives from any and all claims, causes of action, losses, liabilities, costs, fees and expenses arising or resulting from any injury or damage I may incur in the course of receiving medical care overseas.

_________________________________ ______________________
Signature of Student/Participant Date

_____________________________ ______________________
Parent/Guardian (if student is under 18) Date

Revised 06-10-2013
TRAVEL RELEASE

The parties to this Release are ________________________________ (Student),
______________________________ (Student's parents or legal guardian, if student is under 18)
(both referred to hereafter jointly and severally as "Student"), and the University of Southern
California (hereafter "USC").

The Student, with the consent of the Student's parents or legal guardian if necessary, has
chosen to participate in the USC_____________________________(hereafter "Program"),
during the ____________________________ semester.

All students are considered adults and are expected to take responsibility for their actions
while taking part in the Program. As adults, any activities that Student takes part in, whether as a
part of a Program or separate from the Program, will be considered to have been done with their
approval and understanding of any and all risks involved. Any students under 18 and/or
considered dependents of their parents or guardians are responsible for giving all background or
other relevant information about the Program to their parents or guardians.

Although USC may offer information to Student on aspects of foreign travel and
particular destinations, Student agrees that he/she is responsible for determining the potential
dangers of particular destinations, and the Student acknowledges that USC is under no duty to
warn the Student of any particular danger or potential injury. Before deciding whether to visit a
site, USC recommends that Student check with the U.S. Department of State website
(http://travel.state.gov/traveladvisories) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control website
(http://www.cdc.gov/travel/) and read carefully the current travel warning/advisory, public
announcements, and consular information sheet for the site (both at the countrywide and
regional levels) in which Student seeks to study. Notwithstanding the foregoing, USC
recommends that Student elects not to study in a site that has a travel advisory level of ___ or
greater. Student acknowledges that Student has been made aware of the risks of foreign travel
and more specifically, the risks of travel to the subject destination, and further acknowledges
reading and understanding any applicable U.S. Department of State travel advisory. Student is
participating in the Program with full knowledge of the risks inherent in such participation,
including possible physical injury or other

loss or damage and agrees to accept and assume any and all risks associated with participation in
the Program. In consideration of USC's accepting Student into the Program, Student, her/his
heirs, executors, administrators, employers, agents, representatives, insurers and attorneys,
hereby releases and discharges USC, its officers, trustees, facility, employees, agents and
representatives (hereafter "released parties") from any and all claims which may arise from any
cause whatsoever, regardless of the source. The Student further releases and discharges the
released parties from responsibility for any accident, illness, negligence, passive or active, or
injury or any other consequences arising or resulting directly or indirectly from Student's
participation in the Program.
The Student also acknowledges that the USC assumes no responsibility in whole or in part, for any delays, delayed or changed departure or arrival times, fare changes, dishonors of hotel, airline or vehicle rental reservations, missed carrier connections, sickness, disease, injuries (including death), losses, damages, weather, strikes, acts of God, circumstances beyond the control of the USC, force majeure, war quarantine, civil unrest, public health risks, criminal activity, terrorism, expense, accident, injuries or damage to property, bankruptcies of airlines or other service providers, inconveniences, cessation of operations, mechanical defects, failure or negligence of any nature howsoever caused in connection with any accommodations, restaurant, transportation, or other service or for any substitution of hotels or of common carrier beyond USC's control, with or without notice, for any additional expenses occasioned by any of the foregoing. If due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors Student is required to spend additional nights, USC will not be responsible for Student's hotel, transfers, meal costs or other expenses. Student's baggage and personal property are completely at the Student's own risk.

Student hereby represents and warrants that he/she is and will be covered throughout the Program by a policy of comprehensive health and accident insurance which provides coverage for injuries and illnesses that Student sustains or experiences overseas, and, more specifically, in the countries in which Student will be living and/or traveling while on the Program. By Student's signature below, the Student certifies that his/her health insurance policy will adequately cover Student while outside the United States; and, Student absolves USC of all responsibility and liability for any charges, bills and/or expenses Student may incur while he/she is abroad. Student agrees to report to USC's Program directors any physical or mental condition that he/she has which may require special medical attention or accommodation during the Program at least ninety (90) days prior to departure.

Student hereby agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the released parties from any loss or liability whatsoever including reasonable attorneys' fees, arising or resulting directly or indirectly from Student's participation in the Program.

Student understands and agrees that Student will obey all rules, regulations, and laws of the respective countries to be visited, and all travel regulations, any rules or precautions issued by USC, its representatives or by any associated institutions or organizations or the United States government. Student also understands that in the sole discretion of the Program representative, a violation of the above may result in an immediate expulsion from the Program. USC reserves the right to decline to accept or retain student in the Program at any time should Student's actions or general behavior impede the operation of the Program or the rights or welfare of any person. In such an event, no refund will be made for any remaining portion of the Program.

Student understands and agrees to attend and participate in all excursions that are a part of the Program. Student understands that failure to do so will result in a reduction of grade including the possibility of course failure.

It is understood and agreed that should Student elect to remain overseas at the location of the Program or elsewhere after participation in the Program, Student will cease to be part of the Program. Should Student drop out of the Program voluntarily or involuntarily, Student understands that any relationship between Student and the Program will be terminated thereafter. Student acknowledges and accepts any risks associated with voluntarily foregoing to travel with the Program or traveling to/from a destination not established by the Program.
Student further acknowledges that they may be exposed to significant risks and that USC's safety protocols will not cover Student outside of the Program. Student also understands that USC bears no responsibility for transportation, housing, food, or any other services and necessities for any deviation outside the established Program, and any additional expenses and obligations incurred are solely the Student's responsibility. In both of the foregoing events, this release shall remain in full force and effect.

USC reserves the right in its sole discretion to cancel or suspend the Program for any events or circumstances that may, in USC's determination, place Student at risk of mental, emotional or physical harm or bodily injury, including but not limited to war, political upheaval, riots or other events in or around the location of the Program. USC may rely on travel advisories issued by the U.S. State Department in determining whether to cancel or suspend the Program. USC may cancel or suspend the Program or substitute classes due to low enrollments or unavailability of faculty or facilities.

By signing below, Student represents that he/she is a student in good standing at USC and has never had charges brought against him/her before Student Judicial Affairs and Community Standards (SJACS). Student hereby gives Student Affairs the right to access student's records maintained by the Student Judicial Affairs and Community Standards (SJACS), and to provide relevant information from such records to the Faculty/Program Coordinator.

It is understood and agreed that if any provision of this Release or the application thereof is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Release which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications and to this end the provisions of this Release are declared severable.

This Release shall be construed in accordance with, and governed by, the laws of the State of California. Subject to approval from USC's insurance carrier, any dispute arising from this Release shall be submitted for full and final resolution to arbitration in accordance with the rules promulgated by the American Arbitration Association. The arbitration shall take place in Los Angeles, California.

This Release is the only, sole, entire and complete agreement of the parties relating in any way to the subject matter hereof. No statements, promises or representations have been made by any party to any other, or relied upon, and no consideration has been offered, promised other than as may be expressly provided herein. This Release supersedes any earlier written or oral understanding or agreements between the parties.

Student acknowledges that she/he has read this Release and that she/he understands its meaning and effect.

Date: ___________________ Student: ___________________

Date: ___________________ Parents or Legal Guardian: ___________________
(Student is under 18)

USC: ___________________