

## COURSE SYLLABUS

INTL 300

International Service Learning Experience

Spring 2005

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**Prerequisites** ENG 101, consent of instructor, and students must apply through the Office of International Programs.

**Course Content** Students will participate in volunteer service projects in and around Mexico City. They will experience the culture of a economically challenged community vastly different from their own. Students will work together to devise a method by which they can share their experiences with the NKU community.

**Graded Work** The course will be graded Pass/Fail. Successful completion of this course requires the following:

- Full participation in the group activities at NKU prior to the trip, while in Mexico City and after returning to NKU.
- Keeping a journal to record your daily activities and thoughts while in Mexico City. Excerpts from the journals will be shared at the last meeting.

- A group poster, slide show or video to be displayed at the NKU Celebration ceremonies, April 19-21. Groups of 3 or 4 students will choose a topic to explore such as:
  - Describe the socioeconomic conditions of the neighborhood where your community development center is located. Compare it with the conditions of you host families' communities. For example, are there discrepancies in government services offered to the center's neighborhood versus your host families neighborhood? Explain when and why the YMCA chose that particular neighborhood to place a Community Development Center (CDC). Are there other nongovernmental agencies besides the YMCA serving the area?
  - Compare the urban experience of Mexico City with rural Tepotztlán. What are the similarities or differences in the YMCA's missions with the CDCs versus the becarios program?

More details on the group projects will be given at a later date.

### **Important Dates :**

January 18 – 2nd payment of \$500 due.

January 20 – First Meeting, 3:15P.M. in University Center 116. Bring class schedule.

Week of January 31 – Second Meeting, time and place to be announced.

February 18 – Deadline for NKU Celebration 2005 registration.

Week of February 14 – Third Meeting, time and place to be announced.

March 5-13 – Spring Break - Mexico City!

April 19-21 – NKU Celebration 2005.

April 22 – Final Meeting and Picnic, 3:00-6:00P.M., NKU Honor's House (place subject to change).

**Honor Policy** Honesty in your academic work will develop into professional integrity. I do not tolerate any form of academic dishonesty. Any offense will be reported to the proper authorities. I expect you to follow the NKU Honor Code for all work in this class. For more information about the NKU Honor Code see [www.nku.edu/deanstudents/HonorCode.htm](http://www.nku.edu/deanstudents/HonorCode.htm)

**Addendum** Suitable changes may be made to this course syllabus during the course of the semester.