Location: Guatemala

Housing: TBD

Price: $900

Required Qualifications:

- Student must agree not to consume any alcoholic beverage or other substance during the trip.
- Student must agree not to diverge from the itinerary and locations of the trip.
- Student must have knowledge or ability on one of the following areas:
  - Speak Spanish
  - Health or nutrition
  - Supply chain management or process/production improvement
  - Agriculture, sustainability and environmental science
  - Social work/development
  - Public Administration/Non-Profit Organizations
  - Comfortable with Public Speaking

Physicality Level: Medium

This service-learning trip will allow students to experience the lifecycle and sourcing of coffee from farm to cup. They will work directly with local coffee farmers to learn how coffee is grown, harvested, processed, procured and shipped. The group will participate in the evaluation of coffee to be purchased and served on the OSU campus. Students will experience firsthand the economic impact of coffee growing in the community of Olopa, Guatemala while learning the economic realities of the entire supply chain. Issues of smallholder subsistence farmers and current approaches to poverty alleviation, community transformation, impact measurement, traceability and environmental impact mitigation will be addressed throughout the visit. An equally important consideration is the consumer’s ability to cast an economic vote via responsible purchasing; this too will be a theme of the trip. Service activities benefiting general health and health education will be conducted.

The focus and long term objectives of the service-learning program:

- Education
- Business
- Health care

A total of 6 students will be chosen. This trip will travel in May of 2016, the participants will be chosen early, and the group will meet once a month during the winter/spring semesters for pre departure meetings.