Overview

International Service Learning combines all the benefits of Service Learning with international travel. Participants engage in meaningful service that addresses global issues and empowers lasting results. International Service Learning trips present opportunities to deepen one’s cultural understanding while building connections with a broader community. Faculty can lead short-term international trips.

Essential Components

- **Curriculum:** Service Learning is a teaching and learning strategy that integrates service with instruction and reflection. International Service Learning trips may earn students credit in SLS2940, SLS2940H, or be integrated into an existing course.
- **Public Service:** Participants engage in direct service while traveling abroad. To be considered an International Service Learning course, the service hours should take place in the country of travel.
- **Cultural Immersion:** Each trip includes opportunities to engage with the native residents and explore the local sights and sounds of the country.
- **Safety:** The offices of Curriculum Initiatives and Study Abroad and Global Experiences work with travel agencies and program leaders to ensure the appropriate safety measures are in place when it comes to international travel.

Guidelines for Program Leaders

- **Trip Options:** Program Leaders can choose to participate in a pre-developed trip in partnership with a provider approved by the Office of Curriculum Initiatives, or develop a custom trip that must comply with the essential components for International Service Learning.
- **Faculty Development:** Both the offices of Curriculum Initiatives and Study Abroad and Global Experiences have required professional development courses for Program Leaders. Please contact our offices for more information on the courses required to lead an International Service Learning trip.

Contacts and Important Deadlines for International Travel

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SAGE Important Deadlines:

- Registration deadline: October 1st
- Proposal deadline: February 28th

SAGE webpage: [http://valenciacollege.edu/international/studyabroad/faculty-staff/leadstudyabroad/](http://valenciacollege.edu/international/studyabroad/faculty-staff/leadstudyabroad/)