The teams created community profiles; conducted workshops for kids in the local schools on science, and anti-bullying and resiliency; and provided teacher workshops, and dental care to residents. Participants also learned about the country through cultural tours and visits to historical areas, such as the Mayan ruins, plantations, rainforests, museums, prisons, zoos and game reserves. To learn more about the program, read blog summaries, and view photos or video from recent trips, go to: http://louisville.edu/islp

Student Participants Have Said:

"...It was truly a chance of a lifetime! I developed lifelong relationships with my peers and UofL faculty. We had such an AMAZING crew! I have shared endless stories and experiences with family and friends..."
Caytie Page, Education Major

"...This trip was the single most eye opening and humbling experience I have ever had in my life. Thank you..."
Nate Gilbert, Education Major

"...We gained an understanding of dentistry that cannot be obtained from sitting in a classroom or working in a clinic at ULSD. We worked a 10 hour day where we didn’t stop, not because we had to, but because we have skills that can help people that are in pain and will not be able to receive relief unless we complete their treatment...
Jen Wilson, Dental Student

"...I guess the most important thing I learned about was how the work we were doing impacted the people in the village. Seeing the pain that they were in, and the fact that we were able to ease that pain and help fix some problems is something that I will always remember. When someone told me this was a life changing experience they weren’t lying..."
Dillon Miles, Communication Major

About the UofL International Service Learning Program

The University of Louisville International Service Learning Program engages students in experiential education that addresses human and community needs through structured opportunities intentionally designed to promote student learning and development. This interdisciplinary program contributes to campus internationalization by infusing the classroom with various cultures to prepare students to be more receptive to global and comparative perspectives. In past years students and faculty have traveled to the Villages of Georgetown, Red Bank, Gales Point, Dangriga, Punta Gorda, and Independence in Belize; as well as Cebu, Philippines; Bridgetown, Barbados; Port of Spain, Trinidad and Charlotteville, Tabago; Gaborone, Botswana; and Sisak, Croatia.
Academic and Financial Requirements

The International Service Learning Program (ISLP) is an interdisciplinary program focused on “Community Health & Safety.” The strength of the program comes from the collaboration of faculty from multiple disciplines and the participants willing to provide service.

Participants are required to enroll in one of the ISLP courses in which standard tuition costs apply. In addition, participants are required to pay a program fee which generally runs between $2,375 and $3,325 depending on the host country. The program fee covers nearly all costs associated with the program including group meals, transportation to and from Louisville to the host country, group transportation while in the host country, and shared hotel accommodations. Students with financial need are encouraged to meet with the Financial Aid Office to investigate what resources might be available to assist them.

In coordination with the academic class, all participants must attend a weekly two and a half hour orientation workshop that addresses the history and cultures of the host country as well as expectations for the trip.

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Program Faculty

Dr. Ellen Brehob - Speed School Department of Mechanical Engineering
Dr. Paula Collins - School of Dentistry
Dr. Marion Hambrick - Department of Health & Sports Sciences
Dr. Joy Hart - Department of Communication
Dr. David Jones - School of Dentistry
Dr. Scott La Joie - Department of Public Health & Information Sciences
Dr. Michael Mardis - VP for Student Affairs
Dr. J. P. Mohsen - Speed School Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering
Dr. Whitney Nash - School of Nursing
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Dr. Mark French - Speed School Dept of Civil and Environmental Engineering
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Ms. ShelleySantry - School of Law

ISLP Annual Schedule

March — Belize
May — Croatia
May — Botswana
December — Philippines