Emory Abroad

Jordan

ETLA 240

Global Perspectives and Cultural Competencies for Leadership

In this one credit course, students will learn the importance of multiculturalism and diversity awareness in a global society. They will also be able to articulate the interrelationships between the historical, religious, economic, and geopolitical characteristics of Jordan and the Middle East. This course culminates with a week-long study abroad experience in Jordan volunteering with Habitat for Humanity.

The turmoil in the Middle East has weakened the Jordanian economy and the vast majority of Jordanians live on less than US$4,900 per year. Unemployment is high, especially in rural villages, where agriculture is a major source of employment. In the villages, families tend to have many children, and it is not uncommon for 12 to 15 family members to share a small two-room house. The lack of privacy increases family tension and makes it difficult for children to sleep and study. Women struggle to cook in makeshift kitchens with dirt floors. Without proper food storage cabinets, pests and rodents are a constant challenge. HFH Jordan is currently working with 31 partner communities and in urban communities in the Greater Amman area. Houses are made of cement blocks; the average home is 55 square meters. Each new house brings greater opportunities for families to lead safe, healthy and productive lives.

At a Glance:

Next Offering: Spring 2016

Estimated cost: $3200

Included: Airfare, Accommodations, Some Meals, Entrance Fees, Excursions, Ground Transportation, Medical Insurance

Not included: Passport, Some Meals, Spending Money

Meets Core Curriculum requirements:
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Enroll in this course:
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Prerequisites: Permission of professor

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Application Deadline:
November 1, 2015