### Program: The Southern Border: A Tale of Two Communities

**Dates:** May 13-June 3, 2020

**Course Description:** The border region between the US and Mexico is consistently in the national spotlight due to political debates about immigration policy. This course is designed to unpack the border region from a multidisciplinary perspective, including law, public policy and community health to explore the lived experiences of those whose lives are shaped by the border. **MayX ONLY. 2 CREDITS.**

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### Furman University Study Away Program: Academic, Environmental, Physical & Health Expectations

#### Frequency

**ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS**

- Course work in a foreign language
  - Never
  - Seldom
  - Sometimes
  - Often
  - Recommended
  - Required

- Course work in English
  - X

- Use of laptop
  - X

- Use of smart device
  - X

- Traditional Classroom
  - X

- Indoor Course Work
  - X

- Outdoor Course Work
  - X

- Group Work
  - X

- Presentations
  - X

- Interactions with local residents
  - X

- Field Work
  - X

- Internship
  - X

- Research
  - X

**STUDY AWAY ENVIRONMENT**

- Foreign Language Environment
  - X

- Mountainous
  - X

- Tropical
  - X

- Desert
  - X

- Urban
  - X

- Rural
  - X

- High Elevation
  - X

- Easiness
  - X

- Altitude
  - X

- Lifting 5+ hours
  - X

- Use of public transportation
  - X

- Mosquito borne Risk of Illness
  - X

- Earthquakes
  - X

- Recent Terrorism
  - X

- Air Pollution
  - X

- Recent Natural Disaster
  - X

**PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS**

- Lifting luggage
  - X

- Carrying luggage
  - X

- Carrying equipment
  - X

- Carrying groceries
  - X

- Standing 30+ minutes
  - X

- Making 1+ miles
  - X

- Hiking (easy)
  - X

- Hiking (strenuous)
  - X

- Walking 1+ miles
  - X

- Sitting 5+ hours
  - X

- Flat terrain
  - X

- Stairs
  - X

**HEALTH & DIET**

- Vegetarian Options
  - X

- Vegan Options
  - X

- Food Allergy Accommodations
  - X

- Group Meals
  - X

- Cooking for oneself
  - X

- Host family prepares meals
  - X

- Health care easily accessible
  - X

**LIVING ARRANGEMENTS**

- Host Family
  - X

- Roommate
  - X

- Shared Apartment
  - X

- Dormitory
  - X

- Tent camping
  - X

- Hotel
  - X

- Cell phone signal available
  - X

**WATER ACTIVITIES**

- Swimming
  - X

- Snorkeling
  - X

- Boating (speed boat)
  - X

- Comments:

  - Meals will frequently consist of local favorites which is primarily influenced by the Hispanic community.

  - Center for Disease Control Recommendations: You should be up to date on routine vaccinations while traveling to any destination. Recommended vaccines: measles, HEP A/B, rabies.