

Sustainability, Human Needs, & Basic Rights

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Course Goal

Experiential, service learning activities, examining the relationship between Sustainable Development & Millennium Development Goals relating to basic human needs and rights

Course Objectives

Contextualize global citizenship to meet sustainability challenges of the 21st century through international alliances & partnerships, cooperation between institutions, & global commitment to progress

Apply individual- & collective-responsibility for improving the lives of fellow citizens through commitments, resources, focus & accountability, & dedication to sustainable development

Course Format

Local service learning projects (Spring 2011), San Diego Roots Sustainable Food Project, International Rescue Committee

International service learning projects (Summer 2011), Punta Cana Ecological Foundation, Peace Corps, Save The Children, Dominican Republic

Millennium Development Goals



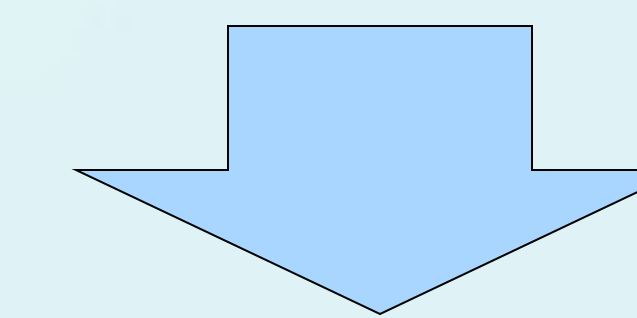
San Diego Activities

Agriculture – Planning & building a school garden, in collaboration with Victory Gardens

Health – Community health activities for shoppers & families

Education – Teaching & creating learning projects for students through First Things First program

Nutrition – Food education to low-income communities at City Heights Farmers' Market



Dominican Republic Activities

Food – Determining cost of food & average citizen's access to food

Education – Examining access to local schools, drop out rates, enrollment, average GPA

Gender – Investigating average numbers of positions held by women vs. men, positions held

Child + Maternal Health – Determining birth rates & child mortality rates, biggest pregnancy-related threats & risks

Disease – Assessing rates of HIV/AIDS, malaria & other infectious diseases

Ecology – Examine effectiveness of environmental programs

“We must not fail the billions who look to the international community to fulfill the promise of the Millennium Declaration for a better world.”

Let us keep the promise.”

UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-Moon