In this course, we will deepen our understanding of the liminal space of the US-Mexico border through an immersion experience in El Paso, Texas and Las Cruces, New Mexico. Students will learn significant cultural, geographical, economic and historical contexts of the US-Mexico border through readings from different disciplines. Students will also begin to understand the daily struggles and efforts of various communities around the border to achieve justice and self-determination.

Highlights of this “vision trip” include visits to the Colonias, the fence and “Mile Marker One” and the Farm Worker’s Center, combined with presentations by immigration lawyers, doctors, the border patrol, the Border Servant Corps and ACLU. We will engage with communities living in the border and the space/place of the borderlands by learning how to make a Mexican meal, visiting a farmers market, hiking in the Franklin Mountains and a visit to El Chamizal (El Paso’s Bi-National park).
APPLICATION PROCEDURE

• Interested students are required to contact HISP faculty Carmiña Palerm or the Center for Community Engagement and Service
• Application deadline is January 8th, 2015
• Non-refundable deposit of $50.00 required with the application
• A $250.00 non-refundable payment to confirm participation in the course is due January 30th, 2015

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Wang Center Spring Break 2015 Study Away application available online at www.plu.edu/studyaway

Alternative Spring Break 2015 applications due to the Wang Center for Global Education by January 8th, 2015

PROGRAM COST

$1,250

Costs include
• Airfare
• Lodging
• Program related transportation
• Supplemental study abroad insurance