



J-term on the Hill has been continuously offered for more than 20 years in the Hilltop area, affording students the opportunity to work side-by-side with other volunteers and with agency staff who serve poor, hungry, and homeless people in an area of constant change in Tacoma. While the Hilltop is no longer the highest crime area in Tacoma, it remains the place when new immigrants seek initial homes, it is rich in diversity, and it is home to people with complex needs and challenging life situations.

Students test how their own notions about poverty, homelessness, employment and immigration are born out in the lives of the people they serve.

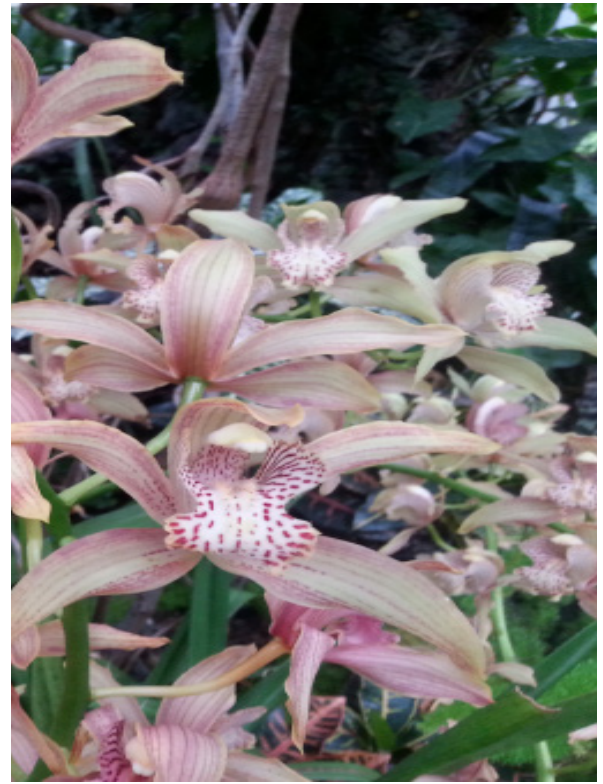
The course explores the interconnection of community, poverty and thoughtful service. Students learn about the Tacoma community on campus and explore before the service activities begin, then

spend their days volunteering in agencies that address problems of homelessness, hunger, employment, and health care.

Speakers and opportunities to debrief as a class are part of each four day week of service. Students journal and write a final essay about the role of service in their lives.



January Term on the Hilltop
TACOMA, WASHINGTON



Educating to achieve a just, healthy, sustainable and peaceful world, both locally and globally.

AT A GLANCE

Program Features

- J-term program
- SOCW 175/491 counts for 4 PLU credits under one of these categories:
Department credit
GenEd credit (SO/A)

PROGRAM COST

\$200

Costs include

- Lodging
- Program related transportation
- Most program related activity expenses

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- Priority application deadline for current students is November 21, 2014
- Non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 required with the application
- A \$75.00 non-refundable payment to confirm participation in the course is due within 10 days of notification of acceptance

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Wang Center applications available online at www.plu.edu/studyaway

J-term 2015 applications due to the Wang Center for Global Education by November 21, 2014



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