

The Dark Skies Of New Mexico - The Organ Mountains, Las Cruces, New Mexico  
by Kevin McNeal Photography

**Spring 2012 Social Problems**  
**with travel to Albuquerque & Las Cruces, New Mexico**  
Experience a life-changing service learning study-away course with **CCV**

# Why Should You Take a CCV Service Learning Study Away Course?



Pictured above – the Roadrunner Sentinel of Las Cruces

- **Have the experience of a lifetime**
- **Enhance your coursework through cultural immersion**
- **Have fun with friends and forge new friendships**
- **Expand your thinking**
- **Learn about yourself**
- **Enhance your resume**
- **Gain a new perspective on your own country**

# Spring 2012 Social Problems with travel to Las Cruces, NM

\* Travel to New Mexico is May 9 – May 17, 2012



View of Las Cruces, NM at night

## Social Problems (SOC-1030)

Current social problems will be studied including poverty, population, substance abuse, crime, urban and rural issues, and family and community problems. While in Las Cruces, CCV students will experience the Mexican American community and learn about the social problems such as poverty, immigration, and racism that plague the borderlands. As we examine and study the social problems mentioned above, students will engage in service learning for 15-20 hours during our week in New Mexico.

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**Faculty:** Mica DeAngelis is a Coordinator of Academic Services in the Winooski Academic Center. Barry Mansfield is a retired UVM college administrator and teacher. They taught Social Problems as a Study Away and Service Learning class in the Spring of 2009 in New Orleans. Mica and Barry have travelled extensively in New Mexico where they built homes with Habitat for Humanity. They are looking forward to introducing CCV students to the rich culture of the Southwest and working together on a service learning project in Las Cruces while learning about the problems border communities face.

# What is Service Learning?



Service learning is a teaching approach that combines what is learned in the classroom with real- world experiences. Students engaged in service learning literally “learn by doing” and use the community and their service experience as a “live textbook” for the class – another powerful source of information to complement course readings, lectures, and discussions.

## Top 10 Reasons to Engage in Service Learning

1. Increase your understanding of the class topic
2. Gain hands-on experience (possibly leading to an internship or job later)
3. Explore or cement your values and beliefs
4. Have opportunities to act on your values and beliefs
5. Develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills
6. Grow your understanding of diverse cultures and communities
7. Learn more about social issues and their root causes
8. Improve your ability to handle ambiguity and be open to change; become more flexible
9. Develop or enhance your skills, especially in the areas of communication, collaboration, and leadership
10. Test out your skills, interests, and values in a potential career path, or learn more about a field that interests you

# Where Are We Going?

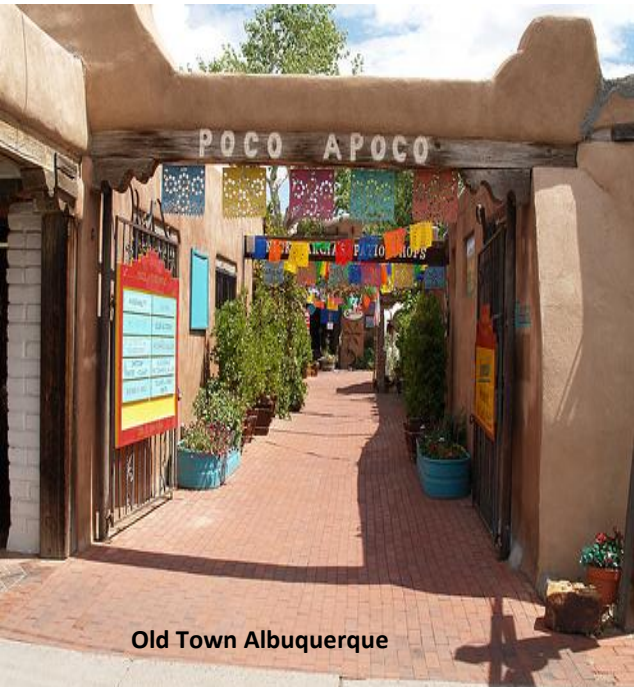
**May 9** Arrive in **Albuquerque, NM**

**May 10** Tour **Albuquerque, NM**;  
- visit historic **Old Town Albuquerque**;  
- visit the **Indian Pueblo Cultural Center**  
- leave Albuquerque and drive scenic Route 25 to **Las Cruces, NM** where you will stay for the remainder of the trip



Dance at Indian Pueblo Cultural Center

Old Town Albuquerque



Old Town Albuquerque



Old Town Albuquerque



Albuquerque, NM

# Where Are We Going?



## May 9-17

CCV students will have an opportunity to experience this unique New Mexican culture in many ways.

- Meet local community needs through approx. 20 hours of service learning.
- Eat local cuisine
- Explore the local art and music scene.
- Participate in guest lectures with New Mexico State University faculty.
- Visit the National Hispanic Cultural Center of New Mexico and the Branigan Cultural Center.

Las Cruces' population is 51% Hispanic and it is a university town. New Mexico State University enjoys a multicultural population of more than 23,000 students and holds a place in the top one-third of institutions of higher education in Forbes' [America's Best Colleges](#).

Las Cruces is located in southern New Mexico on the edge of the Chihuahuan Desert, at the foot of the Organ Mountains and along the banks of the Rio Grande.

[Las Cruces](#) was established in 1849 and currently boasts a population of about 95,000 people. This desert town, close to the TX/NM border and the US-Mexico border, is famous for its rich traditions, red and green chilies, and warm year round sunny weather. The region features rich cultures, desert mesas, ancient ruins, and the Organ Mountains, an extension of the Rocky Mountain chain.



# What Kind of Service Will We Be Doing?



CCV students will engage in service work through Border Servants Corps, an organization that hosts full-time volunteers to work and serve in social agencies in New Mexico border areas. Border Servant Corps will provide students opportunities to learn about social justice, work toward systemic change, and advocate on behalf of others.

Border Servant Corps works with Las Cruces organizations such as the [Colonias Development Council](#), [Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity](#), [Jardin de los Niños](#), [La Casa, Inc](#), [Community of Hope Individual and Family Services](#).



# When Will this Course Meet?



This is a hybrid class with five class meetings at the [Winooski Academic Center](#), an **online** component, and a **nine-day travel experience**.

**CCV General Education Requirements:** This course fulfills the human behavior requirement.

**Class Meetings Online tbd**

**Class Meetings at [CCV-Winooski](#):**

Saturday, January 21, 2012	10 am – 3 pm
Saturday, February 18, 2012	Online
Saturday, April 7, 2012	10 am - 3 pm
Saturday, April 28, 2012	10 am – 3 pm
Saturday, May 26, 2012	10 am – 3 pm



# How Much Does the Course Cost?



Organ Mountains outside Las Cruces



Las Cruces Organ Sunset

The course fee is **\$1,485** and includes a 9-day study tour to Albuquerque and Las Cruces, NM, including:

- airfare to and from Burlington;
- 7 breakfasts, 6 boxed lunches and 3 dinners;
- lodging;
- transportation costs in NM
- guided sightseeing tours
- lecturer costs
- entrance fees to select attractions

***Financial aid and/or the payment plan can be applied to the fee.***

**\* The course fee is subject to change based on course enrollment and airline fuel and tax surcharges.**

**Course tuition is separate.**

# What is NOT included?



- Transportation to and from Burlington's airport
- Meals on first and last days when we are traveling to/from Burlington
- Beverages and some meals
- Spending Money (\$200 - \$400 recommended)
- Course tuition is separate from the \$1,485 program fee
- Course textbook

# Things to Consider...



This is a tightly structured and highly **academic program** – **NOT a vacation**.

Also, as with any experience involving travel, students should understand that they **will be doing a moderate amount of physical activity and should be in good health**. There will be **considerable walking daily**.

Students with a criminal record should be prepared to discuss this with airport security. Students who think they may have **any** outstanding warrants should know they may be detained.

Using **illegal drugs and excessive drinking is simply not permitted**.

All issues pertaining to **student behavior and course participation** are subject to special Conditions of Participation and those of the college in general as noted in the student handbook (e.g. Disruptive Student policy).

**Any additional airline taxes or fees due to fuel costs will be announced and will be the student's responsibility to pay.**



High desert, Las Cruces, NM

# How Can I Enroll?

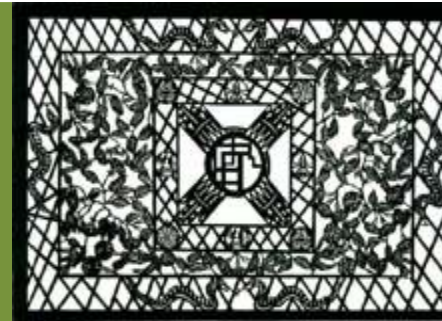
CCV Study Away application packets are available at [www.ccv.edu/study\\_abroad](http://www.ccv.edu/study_abroad).

Submit a completed application packet to [linda.schlott@ccv.edu](mailto:linda.schlott@ccv.edu) or fax to 828.2805.

The application packet has four sections:

1. Conditions of Participation
2. Publicity and Passport Information form
3. Authorization for Emergency Medical Care and Emergency Contact Information form
4. Statement of Purpose

- We are only accepting 12 into the program.
- To qualify for CCV study abroad a student must:
  - be in good academic standing. Instructors' comments will be taken into consideration as a part of the approval process.
  - demonstrate the ability to pay: financial aid/payment plan/cash.
- Submit a completed application packet.
- Study Abroad Committee will review applications in the order received.
- Notification of approval for study abroad will be as soon as possible after receipt of application.
- Once the student has been approved, s/he will be allowed to enroll in the course.
- Approval for study abroad does not guarantee a place in the course. Enrollment for approved students happens on a first come, first served basis, as with any other course.



*Canto a los Guerreros del 1519*

From the Permanent Collection of the National Hispanic Culture



*House of Spirits*

From the Permanent Collection of the National Hispanic Culture

# Study Abroad with CCV



Here's what some CCV students have to say about study away and study abroad...

*"In 2009 I was able to participate in the "Study Away" class to New Orleans to immerse ourselves in the culture 4 years post-Katrina. We worked with families in the Lower 9<sup>th</sup> Ward helping them to rebuild their homes and their lives. It was a life-changing experience for me each and every day."*

*"Combining the travel with the knowledge gained prior to landing on foreign turf is a wonderful way of reaching out to the global community."*

*"It was a magical experience, traveling throughout the small towns, seeing the incredible scenery and feeling the presence of the history of Ireland everywhere I went."*



Future Study Abroad Courses:

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