

## **OPTO 5198 – Honduras Missionary Vision Care**

**Semester Credit hours:** 1

**Course description:**

This class consists of trip to provide eye care and eyewear to the residents of rural Honduras. We travel with Baylor College of Medicine twice a year to Santa Ana Honduras, a small town on the Honduras – El Salvador border. We usually travel in April and October and stay about 10 days. We provide eye exams and any needed ocular medical care to the people who come to the village for care and during day trips to surrounding villages. You also get to work with the medical students in the medical clinic if desired. Medical students also rotate through our eye clinic for instruction in eye care. Accommodations are Spartan. The class is open to 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year students by permission only. The group usually consists of 10 students maximum.

You will become familiar with the difficulties facing the citizens of the third world in obtaining medical and eye care. You will be exposed to diseases and conditions not usually seen in the US.

Hopefully you will become sympathetic to their problems and help work towards long term solutions. Grades are based on participation and a short paper after our return on a topic of your choice relating to the trip

Proposed schedule: We will go on a nine day trip to Santa Ana Honduras during April and October

**Semester or semesters to be offered:** spring, summer, fall

**Target students:** 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> year with permission

**Max class size:** 10

**Any resource or budgetary requests:** I usually spend \$300 to \$500 for glasses and \$400 to \$700 in airfare twice a year.

**Preferred time to teach:** not required

**Course Master:**

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