



DESERT SW
SPRING BREAK IN THE SOUTHWEST
2010 Cal Poly Desert Spring

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overview

The spring break in the Desert SW is an 8-day faculty-led field trip for spring 2010 based in the Southwest quadrant of the United States. The trip will be led by Tom di Santo and will take place on a chartered Green Tortoise bus.

The goal is to see a plethora of natural beauty, modern architecture, museum art and installation art in the landscape, Native American dwellings and city-scapes, historical cities and National Forest Recreation Areas. The Architecture Department has graciously agreed to subsidize the trip in part to help keep costs down for the students attending. Refer to the cost estimate.

itinerary

Starting on the 20th of March (spring 2010) students will embark on an 8-day tour of the Desert SW including Arizona, Nevada, Southern Utah, Southern Colorado, New Mexico and West Texas. Destinations include art destinations such as the Chinati Foundation in Marfa, Texas; modern architecture in cities such as Phoenix and Tucson, Native American sites such as Pueblo Indian habitations and Chaco Canyon in New Mexico as well as Mesa Verde or Canyon de Chelly; historic cities such as Taos and Santa Fe in New Mexico, and land art installations such as Double Negative. If time permits, we will stop in National Recreation Areas such as the Grand Canyon, the Petrified Forest, and Zion National Monument.

food and lodgings

We will have one “green tortoise” all to ourselves. We can sleep as many as 36 students, and our transportation will be embedded in the cost of the housing. We will have our own cook the whole time (three meals per day – Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner at Five dollars per meal). The cook will prepare vegetarian fare.





coursework

Arch 480 (2 units): Special Topics in Architecture: This class will encompass travel, office visits, special events of architectural significance and other endeavors. The deliverables for the elective units will be the successful completion of a field trip sketchbook. Arch 480 is a professional elective.



Costs (based on Architecture Department Subsidy)

Program Fee:	\$0
Accommodations (\$1,542/day):	\$299 per student
Transportation (included in cost of housing):	\$0
Food (three meals per day - \$15/day):	\$120 per student
Cal Poly Tuition:	\$0
Personal Expenses:	\$80

Total: \$499

Final costs estimates will be determined in March after we know how many students are going for sure. These costs reflect the Architecture Department Subsidy and full occupancy. They are fixed costs. One should could count on at least 80 dollars in personal expenses for museum and park entrances and other personal purchases. These personal costs will vary from student to student based on personal spending habits and needs.



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