

## Program Overview

*Increasing awareness of border issues and struggles through civic engagement and service learning.*

The Corps Without Borders summer experience is an opportunity for students to learn from community partners and leaders in the Las Cruces and El Paso area. Students will gain a better understanding of the underlying socio-political and economic factors that contribute to the conditions of our borderlands.

The office of Community Learning and Public Service is proud to form meaningful alliances with community members and organizations in the Las Cruces and El Paso areas and New Mexico State University so that together we can address community-identified issues.

*"Once social change begins, it cannot be reversed. You cannot uneducated the person who has learned to read. You cannot humiliate the person who feels pride. You cannot oppress the people who are not afraid anymore. We have seen the future and the future is ours."*

-César Chávez



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## Key Partners:

- Border Servant Corps, Las Cruces, NM
- Center for Latin American and Border Studies, NMSU
- New Mexico Commission for Community Volunteerism
- Office of Outreach and Engagement, NMSU
- UNM Service Corps Bonner Leader Program



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## Corps Without Borders



Summer Experience 2010  
Las Cruces, New Mexico

A Community Learning & Public Service  
at the University of New Mexico  
special initiative in partnership with the  
Center for Latin American & Border Studies at  
New Mexico State University

# Summer 2010 Experience

## Service Learning: Social Justice on the Border Instructor: Dr. Neil Harvey

How are human rights upheld? Are human rights more vulnerable in border regions? Do human rights mean the same thing everywhere, or are they shaped by historical contexts? What are



Service-learning students in Anthony, NM.

the current human rights issues facing immigrants? These are some of the questions that we will discuss in this class. As a service learning class, we will have the opportunity to discuss recent scholarship in the classroom as well as learn directly from community residents in the US-Mexico border region. We will also provide service to local communities seeking to promote social justice. In the process, we will critically examine our own assumptions about globalization, migration and human rights.

## Serving the Community

In partnership with the Border Servant Corps, participants will have the opportunity to serve in border communities during the program. Workstudy-eligible students will be paid \$8.50 per hour. All service hours can be counted towards earning an AmeriCorps education award. Placements will be based on the community's needs and the participant's experience and interests. Service sites may include:

- Avance
- Colonia Development Council
- Habitat for Humanity
- Jardín de los Niños
- La Casa
- Women's Intercultural Center

## Program Schedule

Program Begins	May 26
Class	May 27-July 1
Summer Institute	July 1-July 16
Program Ends	July 17



Service-learning students in Vado, NM.

## Program Eligibility

- Be an enrolled member of the UNM Service Corps/ AmeriCorps (or be willing to enroll)
- Be admitted to NMSU and register for the 3-credit Government 411 course
- Eligible to receive financial aid and/or workstudy for the summer semester
- Spanish language skills preferred
- Personal transportation helpful

## Program Costs

Room & Board	\$ 655.00
NMSU Application Fee	\$ 25.00
NMSU Tuition & Fees	\$ 649.75
Books & Supplies	\$ 50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1379.75</b>

*Scholarships are available and will be awarded based on financial need.*

## Important Dates

Application Deadline	May 10
Interviews	May 10-14
NMSU Application Deadline	May 12
Orientation Sessions	May 17-25