Must agriculture compete with and displace natural habitats and wildlife? Food security, agricultural productivity, and conserving habitats and species are key problems in many tropical countries seeking to develop. They are also central issues in the midwestern U.S.. This course will explore similarities and differences in ways that Guatemala and Wisconsin try to enhance their agricultural productivity while sustaining the ecological health of their lands, waters, and wildlife. Students in this small (~18) class will work together in teams with a matching class in Guatemala to develop background materials (briefing papers, videos, etc.) to explain these issues. We’ll then join up for a 2-week trip through Guatemala to explore and discuss how cultural, economic, and political forces are shaping approaches to agriculture and conservation in the two countries.

**Note:** This course includes a mandatory 13-day field trip to Guatemala, Central America, to be scheduled some time between December 30, 2012 - January 19, 2013. This will involve additional course fees, but scholarships are available. Spanish language skills are useful but not required.

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