Meets with SPEA-V160

Requires trip to Cuba during Spring Break. Students must apply to via the SPEA Overseas Education website to be given the permission to enroll in the class.

This course provides an introduction for undergraduates regarding how governments address important social issues by examining the leading national and international challenges confronting the United States. These issues include the U.S. fiscal deficit, energy, social security, global imbalances, poverty and inequality, healthcare policy, climate change, defense spending and the use of force, the rise of new economic powers, foreign relations and education to name a few. Many topics will also incorporate approaches employed by other countries facing similar social issues and challenges. The course will be broken up into three phases each concluded by an exam. The major course requirements include assigned reading, attendance, in-class activities and participation, independent reading, two short papers, a group project and three examinations.

Cuba Component website:
http://www.indiana.edu/~spea/spea_abroad/Spring_Break_Abroad_Programs/Cuba/index.shtml