

## **Global Haiti: “NGOs in Haiti” (LCS 01:595:337)**

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***Fulfills Upper-Level Elective for LCS Major and Minor***

This course explores the changing roles of international nongovernmental organizations in Haiti. No other country in the world has more non-governmental organizations (NGOs) per capita as Haiti and since the 2010 earthquake, the number has drastically increased. Throughout the semester we will explore topics such as funding, effectiveness, and others that are relevant to NGOs in Haiti. One key question we will explore is what happened to all the aid that was given post-earthquake?

The goal of this course is to improve your understanding of the networks and relationships among various NGOs, governments, and multilateral institutions, and of the theories that often guide their work in Haiti. Through the readings and discussions, it is hoped that you will obtain the background necessary to analyze past and present debates about NGO’s role in international humanitarian aid and development work. The course is designed for students who plan to work as administrators, policy analysts, or researchers in educational institutions. It is also relevant for students who will be engaged in development work in international, national, or community organizations.

### **Course Learning Goals**

Upon completion of the course, students will:

- develop a more thorough understanding of the economic, social, and political dimensions of NGO work in Haiti
- identify and compare the assumptions, benefits, and limitations of these organizations—their members and their funders
- discuss and critique some of the prevailing assumptions about NGOs

### **Required Reading\***

Readings and materials are available in Sakai or Canvas.

Consult Rutgers Barnes & Noble for current books for the course.

### **Evaluation\***

Attendance	= 10%
Class Participation	= 10%
Reflection Paper	= 5%
Student Teaching (Group Project)	= 15%
Midterm Exam	= 30%
Final Project and Presentation	= 30%

Group will develop an NGO based on their interests

\*This synopsis is intended for informative purposes only; it is provisional and subject to change before the beginning of the semester.