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NC State University
Student Delegation

DR-CAFTA 2009
on location in
El Salvador and Honduras
February 28-March 7, 2009

The itinerary will feature:

Meetings with:
- US Ambassador to Honduras
- American Chamber of Commerce
  - El Salvador
  - Honduras
- U.S. Foreign Commercial Services
  - El Salvador
  - Honduras
- Honduran Apparel Manufacturers’ Association

Tours of Businesses:
- Green Valley Industrial Park
- US Textile Facilities
- Local Textile Businesses

Visits to:
- San Pedro Sula Port Authority
- Cultural and Historic Sites
- Local Markets

The delegation will learn about the culture and global textile business opportunities in the CAFTA region through first-hand interaction with business and industry leaders in El Salvador and Honduras.

Individual research projects will allow students to explore international business dynamics and understand the most important factors influencing the success of companies in today’s global economy.

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