

JAMAICA CULTURAL IMMERSION IN EDUCATION

Maymester Study Abroad Program:
May 21– 29, 2016

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3 SEMESTER HOURS

THE PROGRAM

Jamaica Cultural Immersion in Education, a study abroad program, offered during the Maymester 2016, will engage students in an international cultural immersion experience. Students will examine the political, educational, sociocultural, and economic factors that contribute to the various issues within the Jamaican educational system. Students will participate in a variety of cultural experiences and also work within local and regional schools and community organizations. Students will benefit from lectures, as well as field study, data collection, and research within Jamaica. Students will engage in two different classroom components. The first half of the program will meet at GSU. Students will be introduced to education in a Jamaican context as they develop their research interests abroad. In the second half of the program, students will travel to Jamaica for nine days.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Participants will stay in comfortable, multi-occupancy single gender rooms in a hotel in Kingston, Jamaica, which is not too far from The MICO University College, some major cultural attractions, schools, the Ministry of Education, and the University of the West Indies. There are inexpensive restaurants nearby as well as a cafeteria on the MICO's campus for students.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION

Students with documented disabilities who may need accommodations during their study abroad experience should discuss these needs with the Program Director and the Office of Disability Services at the time of application.

Tentative Itinerary

May 9-20 : Classes in CEHD, GSU, Atlanta

May 21: Depart Atlanta

May 22: Devon House/Emancipation Park – Reflections!

May 23: Visit the Maroons in Charlestown, Portland + Students' reflections

May 24: Cultural immersion in Middle Schools: teach, observe, & reflect; Visit Church's College in Mandeville, Jamaica

May 25: Cultural immersion in High Schools: teach, observe, and reflect

May 26: Visit MICO University – Teacher Educators/Preservice Teachers + students' activities & reflections / Port Royal

May 27: The University of the West Indies – Mona Campus + student activities & reflections;

May 28: Visiting the National Gallery of Jamaica/Lunch/Visiting the Bob Marley's Museum ; Attend to Reflections/A Cultural Evening Event

May 29: Depart from Kingston

May 30-Jun 3: Complete and Submit Final Projects



CONTACT INFORMATION

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15 2016



Program Cost Includes

- Round-trip airfare
- All ground transportation, excursions and entrance fees
- All meals included
- 8 nights at the Hotel
- Health/Evacuation/Repatriation insurance

Program Cost Does Not Include

- Georgia State tuition and fees
- Public transportation in (Kingston)
- Passport
- Personal expenses and excess baggage charges

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

February 15: \$700.00 Deposit with application

February 29: \$800.00 Second Payment (To the Program Director)

March 15: \$1,000.00 Remaining balance

All payments are non-refundable upon receipt

ELIGIBILITY

The program is open to undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students who are taking courses in the College of Education and/or College of Arts and Sciences. Program size is limited and participation is contingent upon acceptance by the Program Director.

CREDITS AND COURSES

Students who successfully complete the program's (EDUC 3333, or EDCI 4400, or EDUC 7777, or EDMT 8420) courses will receive three semester hours of course credit at Georgia State University. Undergraduate students should register for EDUC 3333 and graduate students should register for EDCI 4400 or EDUC 7777 or EDMT 8420. Students from other institutions should follow their institution's regulations concerning transfer credits.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Students interested in applying should find this program's listing at mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and begin an online application. Transient Students: please see the Transients Student section under the Explore & Apply tab.

International Students at Georgia State who hold F-1 visas must contact the Office of International Student and Scholar Services at 404-413-2070 to discuss the possible implications of study abroad for their immigration status.

COST

Program cost may vary at any time according to currency fluctuations and changing travel arrangements. The program cost is tentatively set at \$2,500, PLUS regular Georgia State University tuition and fees. Non-resident/out-of-state students will pay in-state tuition plus a \$250 fee in addition to the program cost.

FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Georgia State University students are eligible to apply for the IEF Study Abroad Scholarship/ Georgia State University Foundation Scholarship and may be eligible to apply for the Global Experience Scholarship. Visit mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and select the Scholarships & Financial Aid tab or call the Study Abroad Programs office at (404) 413-2529 for more information

Because program size is limited, early application is strongly advised. Individual interviews may be scheduled with students upon receipt of application

Program Deposit Payments: Participants will pay program deposits by logging into PAWS. Please contact your Program Director to confirm that a Program Deposit Account has been established for this purpose before you attempt to make a payment in PAWS.

Program Payments and Remaining Program Balance: Other than the initial program deposit, all program payments—along with the remaining program balance—will be billed directly to your student account. Please refer to the Academic/Registration calendar for the tuition and fees deadline.

