GSU - SERVICE LEARNING: CONNECTING CLASSROOM LEARNING TO LOCAL AND GLOBAL EXPERIENCES

Maymester Study Abroad Program: May 13 – May 29, 2016

THE PROGRAM
This program offered during Maymester 2016 will engage students in an international service learning experience. Students will examine the political, educational, sociocultural, and economic factors that contribute to the various issues within the Dominican Republic. Students work with local and regional community organizations, educators, health care workers, and other community stakeholders in Puerto Plata and Santo Domingo to create and implement a service learning project that addresses the needs of the community. Students will benefit from lectures, as well as field study, ethnographic data collection, and applied service learning project research within Santo Domingo and Puerto Plata. Coursework including Dominican culture and language acquisition, sociocultural, political, economic, and educational issues will be taught by Georgia State professors, collaborators, and practitioners in the Dominican Republic.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Participants will stay in boutique, double-occupancy hotels near the language facilities in Santo Domingo. In Puerto Plata, the group will stay at a resort-style hotel nestled on a beautiful beach on the country’s North shore and right in the heart of the town. Hotels are within walking distance to activities that will take place on the trip.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS
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.

Highlights of the program include:
- Travel to Dominican cities of Puerto Plata and Santo Domingo
- Interaction with Dominican Educators, Non-Governmental Organizations, Community-Based Programs
- Hands-on Service Learning activities
- Spanish language classes
- Didactic experiences to include lectures and discussions on Dominican social, political, and economic issues and disparities
- Snorkeling
- Waterfall excursions
- Historic site visits

Please note: Georgia State University reserves the right to alter travel and other arrangements if required by circumstances

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 15, 2016

CONTACT INFORMATION
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3 SEMESTER HOURS
ELIGIBILITY
The program is open to undergraduate and graduate students who meet all academic requirements of the Georgia State University College of Education. Program size is limited and participation is contingent upon acceptance by the Program Director.

CREDITS AND COURSES
Participants who successfully complete the program coursework will receive 3.0 undergraduate or graduate semester hours of course credit at Georgia State University. Undergraduate students should register for EDCI 4100: Service Learning In Action and graduate students should register for EDCI 7100: Service Learning In Action. 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 Students and Scholar Services at (404) 413-2070 to discuss possible implications of study abroad for their immigration status.

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

Application Deadline: 2/15/2016

COST
Program cost may vary at any time according to currency fluctuations and changing travel arrangements. The program cost is tentatively set at $2500, 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.

Program Cost Includes
- Round-trip airfare
- All ground transportation, excursions and entrance fees
- All breakfast and dinner meals
- Hotels
- Health/Evacuation/Repatriation insurance

Program Cost Does Not Include
- Georgia State tuition and fees
- Public transportation in (City)
- Passport
- Personal expenses and excess baggage charges

PAYMENT SCHEDULE
$700 Deposit with application
$900 First Payment (To the Program Director: first payment is not required, but recommended)
$900 Remaining balance

All payments are non-refundable upon receipt

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.

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.

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