

GRENADA: TRANSNATIONALISM AND IDENTITY ACROSS THE BLACK ATLANTIC

Spring Break Study Abroad Program:
March 11– 20, 2016

SPONSORED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

3 SEMESTER HOURS

THE PROGRAM

"Transnationalism and Identity Across the Black Atlantic " employs literature as the primary medium in a focus on black authored fictional works and the transnational networks of places and spaces--ideological and material--that they convey. The class will focus on writings by and about the Caribbean nation of Grenada. Three particular authors and their works make the case for Grenada as the location for this study abroad course. Praisesong for the Widow, Bahamian-American author, Paule Marshall's 1983 novel that traces the fictional travel of protagonist Avey Johnson from Brookland, South Carolina sea islands, the Caribbean and finally Grenada's island territory, Carriacou, captures transnational connections that have been part of Caribbean migration experiences for generations. The works of Grenadian-American author, Audre Lorde (Zami) and Grenadian native, Merle Collins (Angel), will provide greater insight into questions of how intersections of sexuality, politics, and spirituality complicate traditional western notions of national identity.

In Grenada and its extended territorial island, Carriacou students will see the world that spawned Paule Marshall's fictional place of redemption and rebirth, Audre Lorde's mythical narration of identity, and Merle Collins's fictional recreation and reimagination of Grenada pre-Revolution.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Our time in Grenada will include air-conditioned accommodations at local lodgings within sight of and walking proximity to the brilliant blue waters of the Caribbean. This includes stays in the capital city, St. George's; the fisherman's village, Gouyave, and the island territory, Carriacou.

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

March 11: Travel to Grenada (St. George's)

March 12: Tour Concord: waterfall; nutmeg factory

March 13: Lunch and tour of Mt. Pleasant area (The Moritz Community, travel to Carriacou

March 14: Tour Tibo's Well; Windward Community; African Heritage Festival Site

March 15: Tour Churches and Burial Sites; Museum

March 16: Choose Beach, Hike, or Ferry to Petite Martinique, return to St. George's

March 17: Tour Belmont Estate, Carib's Leap

March 18: Tour Gouyave (fisherman's village), evening Fish Fry

March 19: Return to St. George; free Time for Afternoon Excursions

March 20: Return Travel to Atlanta



APPLICATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 2, 2015

CONTACT INFORMATION

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ELIGIBILITY

The program is open to undergraduate students who meet all academic requirements of Georgia State University's English Department for the English 4200 course. Program size is limited and participation is contingent upon acceptance by the Program Director.

CREDITS AND COURSES

Participants who successfully complete the program's course will receive 3.0 semester hours of course credit at Georgia State University. Students should register for English 4200. 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.

Application Deadline: December 2, 2015

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.

COST

Program cost may vary at any time according to currency fluctuations and changing travel arrangements. The program cost is tentatively set at \$1943.00 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 Cost Includes

- Round-trip airfare
- All ground transportation, excursions and entrance fees
- (number and type of) 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

\$ 200.00	Deposit with application
\$ 500.00	First Payment
\$ 1243.00	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.

