

# JAMAICA CULTURAL IMMERSION IN EDUCATION

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## Maymester Study Abroad Program

May 19 - May 27, 2018

### Program Director

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### Program Description

The Jamaica Cultural Immersion in Education is a ten-day Maymester visit to Jamaica. This program affords firsthand field –based experiences of culturally relevant teaching and learning by immersing students in authentic, elusive, and challenging daily events of schooling in the focal context, Jamaica. The primary purpose of this program is to provide prospective and in-service mathematics teachers opportunities to gain geographical and historical knowledge and to explore mathematics teaching and learning in that culture. Participants will also have the opportunity to interact with fellow prospective and in-service mathematics teachers and be able to teach and learn in their classrooms. Mathematics teacher educators from the focal context will facilitate two evening classes for the visiting students. Participants will also visit National Heritage and cultural sites and learn about the Reggae music icon, Bob Marley; the Olympic gold-medalist and world's fastest man, Usain Bolt; and the high priestess and military strategist Nanny of the Maroons, who relates to the people, places, and events that are significant to Jamaican history and culture. Visiting Middle and secondary schools in Jamaica was also another interesting take for our students who are or becoming teachers.

### Application Information

Students interested in applying should find this program's listing at [mystudyabroad.gsu.edu](http://mystudyabroad.gsu.edu) and begin an online application.

**Transient Students:** please see the Transient Students tab on the How to Apply page of our website.

**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.

### 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, Mona Campus. There are inexpensive restaurants nearby as well as a cafeteria on the MICO's campus for students.

Application Deadline: February 15, 2018

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Atlanta, GA



May 9-20: Classes in  
CEHD, GSU, Atlanta  
May 19: Depart Atlanta

Kingston, Jamaica



May 20: Devon House/ Emancipation Park

May 21: The Maroons in Charlestown, Portland +  
Students' reflections

May 22: Visit the MICO University College + student  
activities & reflections

- ♦ Cultural immersion in Middle Schools: teach,  
observe, & reflect
- ♦ The Cathedral and other Historical Sites with  
Narration of the Current, immediate past and  
decades of work

May 23: Cultural immersion in High Schools: teach,  
observe, and reflect

- ♦ Tastes of the Local Foods in the Market Place

May 24: Seminar at MICO University (Mathematics  
Teacher Educators & Mathematics Teachers  
(Prospective and In-service)

- ♦ Port Royal

May 25: The University of the West Indies + student  
activities & reflections

- ♦ Culture of the Arts " Theatre on Mona Campus

May 26: Visiting the National Gallery of  
Jamaica/Lunch/Visiting the Bob Marley's Museum ;  
Attend to Reflections/A Cultural Evening Event

May 27: Depart from Kingston

Atlanta, GA



May 30-Jun 3: Complete  
and Submit Final Projects



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.

Courses and Credits

All participants, who successfully complete the program's **EDMT 8420; EDUC 3333; or EDUC 7777** course, will receive three semester hours of course credit at Georgia State University. Students from other institutions should follow their institution's regulations concerning transfer credits.

Program Cost

Program cost may vary at any time according to currency fluctuations and changing travel arrangements. **The program cost is tentatively set at \$2,000, 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. For more information on what the program cost does and does not include, please visit:

<http://www.studyabroad.gsu.edu/?go=CEHDJamaica>

Scholarship Information

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](http://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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