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Maymester Study Abroad Program
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Program Directors
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Program Description
This program 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.

Application Information
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. Students interested in applying should find this program’s listing at 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 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 program.

Application Deadline: February 15, 2018
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- 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

Courses and Credits

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.

Program Cost

Program cost may vary at any time according to currency fluctuations and changing travel arrangements. The program cost is tentatively set at $2,700 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=SantoDomingoEarl

Scholarship & Funding Information

Georgia State University students may eligible for the IEF Scholarship or the Global Experience Scholarship. Visit http://mystudyabroad.gsu.edu/prospective/funding-study-abroad or call the Study Abroad Programs office at (404) 413-2529 to learn more about scholarships & financial aid for study abroad.

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