INTERDISCIPLINARY GLOBAL SEMINAR: A FIELD STUDY IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

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Spring Break Study Abroad Program
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Program Description
The Interdisciplinary Global Seminar study abroad program offers a 10-day overseas academic adventure on the southern coast of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. The program provides an opportunity for students to increase their cross-cultural awareness, while also allowing them to gain an understanding and appreciation for the way of life in the Caribbean. Students will study social justice and health disparities from an international, comparative perspective. The Spring Break program includes guest lectures from local experts, homestays with local families, a service learning project in the community, and excursions to cultural and historical sites. Classes are held throughout the spring semester in a hybrid format (online and in-person), culminating with a study tour during Spring Break filled with cross-cultural activities. While abroad, students will immerse themselves in the Dominican culture, rich and unique history, breathtaking natural beauty, and tasty cuisine.

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 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.

Eligibility
The program is open to all GSU students, with priority given to Panther Success Academy students currently in their freshman year. Students from all disciplines are also welcome to apply. Students must be in Good Academic Standing (2.0 overall GPA). Program size is limited and participation is contingent upon acceptance by the Program Directors.

Accommodations
Participants will stay in comfortable homestays with local families.

Application Deadline: October 31, 2017
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- City Orientation Tour
- University Visit (Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo)
- Excursion to Playa Juan Dolio
- Dominican Cooking Class
- Music and Dance Excursion to Las Ruinas de San Francisco
- Guided Tour of Zona Colonial
- Latin Dance Class

Courses and Credits

Students will earn two credits towards Area B of the Core through participation in the course Perspectives 2001 Interdisciplinary Global Seminar: A Field Study in the Dominican Republic. This course will be taught by two professors from Public Health and Criminal Justice and will be interdisciplinary in focus. There are no prerequisites for the course so any major is welcome. 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 $1,800 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 from Atlanta
- All meals
- Ground transportation to all program activities
- Housing accommodations
- Insurance

Program Cost Does Not Include
- Georgia State tuition and fees
- Course reading materials
- Passport
- Visa
- Personal expenses and excess baggage charges

Payment Schedule

October 31, 2017: $500 deposit due upon acceptance into the program
November 15, 2017: $300 second payment
December 4, 2017: Program cost charged to student account
Early January 2018: $1000 remaining balance due along with tuition & fees for spring semester.

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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.