LANDSCAPES OF MEMORY: HISTORY, CULTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN CUBA

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Maymester Study Abroad Program
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Program Description
The Georgia State University program Landscapes of Memory: History, Culture and Historic Preservation in Cuba offers an exciting 14-day study abroad experience. The program is designed to deepen a students’ understanding of the history and culture of Cuba, and to explore how the country is working to preserve its historic sites, parks, and cultural landscapes.

The program will consider the ways in which history is selectively remembered, preserved and presented to the public. Students will develop skills in combining and communicating the results of field experiences and research. Visits to historic sites, parks, places of memory and cultural landscapes will be interspersed with lectures and discussions led by the instructors and local experts in the field.

We will visit:
- Havana, Cuba’s capital and the largest city in the Caribbean. The city is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with over 900 landmarks, including the Presidential Palace and Cathedral Square. Havana is rich with history and vibrant culture!
- Cienfuegos, known as “The Pearl of the South,” a coastal city, founded in the early 19th century. Cienfuegos was designed as a grid and is home to the beautiful waterfront Malecon.
- Trinidad, a city whose architecture and historical sites have gone virtually untouched since the 18th century, when it was Cuba’s center for the sugar industry, and is a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Santa Clara is located in the most central region of Villa Clara Province. The city was founded in 1689, and served as the stage for Che Guevara’s final battle during the Cuban Revolution.
- Pinar del Río, located to the far west, has more UNESCO-protected land than any other province in Cuba. The Viñales Valley is full of agricultural and architectural beauty.

Application Information
This program is offered to all students at the graduate level. However, upper division undergraduates may take the course, with instructor approval. 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 Student tab on the How to Apply page on 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.

Application Deadline: January 31, 2017
TENTATIVE PROGRAM ITINERARY

Atlanta, GA

March 25-Mandatory orientation meeting
May 3- Arrive in Miami on your own
May 4- Depart Miami to Havana

Havana

May 6-12 - Explore historic Havana

Cienfuegos

May 12 - Tour Cienfuegos, including the Paseo del Prado, the Malecón, Punta Gorda, and later tour several of Cienfuegos’s cemeteries.

Trinidad

May 13- Spend a day in Trinidad; visit the Museo de Arquitectura Trinitaria and stop in the Plaza Santa Ana. Tour the “Valley of the Sugar Mills.”

Santa Clara

May 14 - Spend the day in Santa Clara including visit the monument of Commander Ernesto “Che” Guevara

Pinar del Rio

May 15-16 - Visit Pinar del Rio including the Sierra del Rosarios Biosphere Reserve, the Viñales Valley and, Las Terrazas

Havana

May 17- Free day in Havana
May 18 - Depart Havana for Miami; Depart Miami for Atlanta

Accommodations
Students will stay in high-quality local hotel accommodations (three- and four-star hotels) throughout the various regions of Cuba

Courses and Credits
Please note: in addition to applying for this program, you must also register for the program course in GoSOLAR. Participants who successfully complete Case Studies in International Preservation will receive 4 semester hours of course credit at Georgia State University. Undergraduate students must register for HIST 4545 and graduate students must register for HIST 8660. Participating students are required to attend a mandatory orientation session on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at GSU. Students from other institutions should defer to 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 $3,495 in addition to 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=cuba

Scholarships & Financial Aid
Georgia State University students are eligible to apply for the IEF Scholarship and may be eligible to apply for 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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