UF in the Dominican Republic

International Service Learning
Summer A: May 10-June 21, 2014

Take a Great Leap in Linguistic and Cultural Fluency by Living with Families, Doing Service Work in the Community, Reflecting on your Experiences, and Intensive Language Study.

Understand the History, Culture, and Social Issues of the Dominican Republic.

Give Back to the Community through Service Work.

About the Program
Spend Summer A in an intensive experience that will expand your linguistic and cultural fluency through service work, homestays, intensive language or cultural study. Service learning gives you the opportunity to learn about yourself and the community. Service placements are based on community need, student interest, and Spanish language level. There are opportunities to do literacy work and recreation with children and youth and to shadow doctors in medical clinics. UF in the Dominican Republic is organized in conjunction with International Studies Abroad (ISA).

About the Location
Santiago de los Caballeros, in the mountains of the northern Cibao region, is the second largest city in the DR and the country’s cultural center. Santiago’s 1 million inhabitants are famous for Carnaval, merengue, their role in the country’s history and their agricultural economy.

Excursions
Excursions include 27 Charcos, where a river cuts through lime rock to produce a series of waterfalls; Santo Domingo, the first Spanish city in the Americas; La Casa Museo de la Hermanas Mirabal and la Reserva Científica Loma Quita Espuelas; and other local trips in Santiago.

Course Information
Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies
Courses are taught by UF Faculty.

All students:
SPN3948: Spanish Service Learning
  3 UF GPA credits

Choose 1:
SPN2271: Accelerated Intermediate Spanish
  3 UF GPA credits
Prerequisite: completion of 1 year of college Spanish (SPN1131 or SPN 1134), equivalent test score, or permission of program director

SPW3930: Cultura Dominicana
  3 UF GPA credits
Prerequisite: completion of SPN3300 or SPN3350
Total Number of Credits Offered: 6

Housing
You will be housed with local Dominican families in neighborhoods near the largest university in Santiago.
Application Information
2014 Application Deadline: February 28, 2014

Please apply online at www.ufic.ufl.edu/sas

Eligibility/Requirements
-open to all majors
-students in good standing
-2.5 GPA or higher

2014 Pricing
2014 Undergraduate Program Fee: $4,368

A $300 nonrefundable deposit toward the total cost of the program is due at the time of application. The remaining fees are due no later than 45 days prior to departure. If you receive financial aid, you can defer payment until it disburses.

Financial Aid
Most financial aid that you would receive on campus during the summer can be applied toward the cost of this study abroad program.

UFIC recommends that you speak with your financial aid advisor about your financial aid eligibility for study abroad. More information can be found at Student Financial Affairs

Scholarships
UFIC offers summer scholarships for qualified students. This year’s summer scholarship deadline is February 5, 2014. Apply online at www.ufic.ufl.edu/sas/Scholarships.html

What’s Included:
Tuition for 6 UF GPA credits, transportation to and from Santiago airport, on-site orientation, group welcome and farewell dinners, 36 hours of service-learning in the community, Homestays that include three meals daily and laundry weekly, excursions and other local outings, guided tours and entrance fees, health insurance, and medical emergency assistance.

What’s Not Included:
round-trip airfare, course materials, additional personal travel, and personal expenses.

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2013 Student Feedback
“This has been the most enriching experience that I have ever had. I will return home as a different person with a better global perspective.”

“One lesson that I learned here that I never want to forget is the difference between giving and helping.”

“This trip has emboldened me in my journey to get an education and practice medicine to better the lives of others.”