THE PROGRAM

Through this course, teachers will develop an understanding of the role of culture in teaching and learning, and explore the principles and practices of culturally responsive education for students who are members of non-dominant cultural groups. The course includes a cultural immersion experience in Hawaii to enable teachers to develop the knowledge and appreciation of Hawaiian culture needed to plan culturally relevant curricula and instruction.

The on-campus portion of the course will include the full range of teaching techniques used to promote active learning in the education methods courses, such as simulations, case analyses, class discussions, cooperative learning activities, critiques of video clips, and demonstration lessons. The travel portion of the course will include some similar classroom-based activities and student-led seminars, and will feature two days of field experience in Hawaiian schools. A highlight of the travel portion will be the rich opportunities to learn about the many cultures of Hawaii and how they can be used as resources for teaching and learning.

During our stays on Oahu and the Big Island, we will visit historical sites such as Iolani Palace, the Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor, and the Tsunami Museum in Hilo; cultural resources such as Plantation Village, Bishop Museum, and the Astronomy Museum, and natural wonders including the lava tubes and Kileaua Iki crater in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, the marine sanctuary at Hanauma Bay, and the sacred grounds at Kaena Point. We will visit places reflecting the contributions the Japanese, Chinese, Koreans, Filipinos, Europeans, and Native Hawaiians have made to the cultural mix that characterizes Hawaii today. Both the on-campus and travel portion of the course will feature guest lectures by successful teachers of Hawaiian children – from recent Marist graduates to thirty-year veterans of the Hawaii Department of Education.

A variety of projects will be used to promote and assess learning, such as guided journal entries, reflections on assigned readings, and class presentations. The culminating project will be a plan for a multi-disciplinary unit that meets state learning standards and reflects the principles and practices of culturally responsive teaching.

THE COURSE

Three (3) credits will be offered for the program. An undergraduate and graduate course will be offered:

Undergraduate
EDUC 392L-150 ST: Culturally Responsive Education

Graduate
EDAC 581N-160 ST: Culturally Responsive Education

Note: Short-term courses can fulfill elective for the Global Studies minor or serve as a Foreign Culture credit or for the Cultural Diversity requirement, as well as core-major/minor requirements. Speak with your Academic Advisor for more information.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Prof Girardi, Adjunct Professor of Education and Psychology, is the Program Director. Students interested in the program should meet with the program director to discuss program details and to receive permission to enroll in the program. A second full time Marist instructor/chaperone will also accompany the group to assist with logistics and safety.

ACADEMICS

The academic portion of the program will be conducted by Prof Martha Giradi. Students are required to participate in all aspects of the program and to complete course requirements for a final grade.

Students are required to attend orientation/class sessions during Spring Semester 2011. Dates to be announced.

PROGRAM ITINERARY*

Please speak with the program director or program coordinator for details on the scheduled itinerary.

HOUSING

Students will stay in student housing at the University of Hawaii Manoa Campus and budget hotels (double or triple occupancy).

MEALS

Breakfast is provided on the program. All other meals will be the responsibility of the student. Students are be encouraged to explore the culinary offerings available on the program.

*MIP reserves the right to make changes to the scheduled itinerary. Any changes will be discussed during orientation.
PROGRAM COST OF $3,900.00 INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip Airfare (NYC-Honolulu)
- Airport Transfer in Honolulu
- Program Transportation in Honolulu
- Accommodations (double or triple occupancy)
- 1 meal per day (breakfast)
- Site visits (entrance fees to designated venues)
- Health Insurance
- Travel Insurance

COSTS NOT INCLUDED:

- 3-credits Marist tuition
- 2 meals per day
- Personal expenses, transportation and excursions
- Passport and visa (if required)
- Departure tax (if required)
- US Airport Transfer
- Gratuities

IMPORTANT PROGRAM NOTES

- All students are required to purchase trip cancellation insurance. This cost is included in the program fee.
- Fluctuating exchange rates, airline and other fees may lead to costs changes.
- Program fees are based on a minimum number of participants (generally 12-14) for the program.
- Refund Policy: Please speak with the short-term coordinator for specific information on Marist International Programs short-term program refund policy prior to making any payments for the program. Your $300 non-refundable deposit indicates your acceptance of the Refund Policy.
- Applicants should demonstrate flexibility and a sincere desire to increase their understanding of Hawaiian culture and society, and should possess the emotional strength to adjust to a foreign environment.
- Marist International Programs reserves the right to modify or cancel the program as dictated by current weather, economic and/or political situations. This may include changes to the scheduled itinerary or program dates.
- All fees will be refunded if a program is cancelled.
- Information in this brochure is subject to change.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION PAYMENTS AND DEADLINES

November 19, 2010  $300.00 Deposit (non-refundable)

SPRING ADD/DROP

Students are required to pay all fees and costs for the program if course is added during Late Spring 2010 Add/Drop.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Program cost is included with the Spring Tuition bill and is payable by the Spring Bill due date which is early January.

TuitionPay offers a Spring only monthly payment plan option. Contact 1.800.635.0120 or visit their website at www.tuitionpay.com for additional information. Spring plans can be spread over four (4) months, and can be set up in November with first payment due in December.

Alternative loans: visit our website at http://www.marist.edu/financialaid for information on alternative loans.

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