A Service Learning Opportunity in the Dominican Republic

In this unique and innovative program, Spanish students and Computer Science/Information Technology and Systems students work with local students in the Dominican Republic on how technology may benefit their lives and communities.

On this collaborative mission, you will learn how to work as an interdisciplinary team, reinforcing the experience of the “real world.” Working with local students will also help you to see the value of being civically engaged and of building cross-cultural bridges, relationships, and friendships. The take-away experiences from this intercultural service learning program are invaluable, and you will have a lot of fun along the way!

Your in-country experience also includes exploring the country, including Sosua and Cabarete, providing the opportunity to interact with people and witness what life is like on this small Caribbean island.

Program Highlights:

• Participate in a fascinating, ongoing service learning program in a Dominican School

• Learn to collaborate in a team of mixed disciplines

• As a Spanish major, have fun practicing your language skills – there is no better way to improve than being immersed in a Spanish-speaking environment

• As a CS/IT student (no prior Spanish language training required), share your technological knowledge to ignite creativity and problem-solving in local students who have had little exposure, experience, and access to today’s technological gadgets

• Explore the north coast of the Dominican Republic through afternoon and weekend adventures that include snorkeling, zip lining, horseback riding, and surfing!

For more information and to apply, please visit:
www.marist.edu/international/shortprog.html

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Academics

This two-week program consists of a combination of pre-departure meetings, readings, and in-country lectures and activities designed to engage students in the exploration of Dominican history, culture, and language, and to understand the current economy, educational system, and technological infrastructure. Students are required to participate in all orientation and academic activities, both at Marist and while overseas.

Course Requirements

Student must enroll in one of the following courses:

• SPAN3XXL-150 Spanish in Context: Bringing Technology to Others (3 credits)**
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• CMPT230 Software Systems and Analysis, 1 credit
• CMPT330 Systems Design, 1 credit

**Students may also register for this course as SPAN260 “Cultures of Latin America” (3 credits) or SPANXXX “Service Learning Experience” (1 credit).

Please Note: Faculty-led programs may fulfill elective, core, major, and minor requirements based on your major. Consult your Academic Advisor.

Program Enrollment Requirements

• Minimum 2.0 GPA
• Interested students must meet with the Program Director(s) to discuss program details and receive permission to enroll in the program; MIP will register students for the course/program
• Applicants must have a sincere desire to learn about other cultures, be able to tolerate ambiguity and adjust to different environments, be respectful of local norms and customs, and maintain an open mind

Housing

Students will be housed in a beachfront villa.

Meals

Breakfast is provided, as are the welcome and farewell dinners; all other meals are the student’s responsibility.

Program Fee: $3,600

Program Inclusions

• 3-credit tuition
• Roundtrip air
• On-site airport transfer
• On-site program transportation
• Accommodation (double/triple occupancy)
• 1 meal per day (breakfast) unless otherwise noted on the final program itinerary
• Welcome and farewell dinner
• Entrance fees for program excursions
• Health insurance
• Travel insurance (limitations apply)

Program Exclusions

• Meals not included in the itinerary
• Personal expenses
• Passport
• Visa (if required)
• Arrival/Departure Tax (if required)
• US airport transfer
• Gratuities

Financials

The program fee will be included in the Spring Semester invoice and payment is due by early January. If the course is added during the spring add/drop period the course/program fees must be paid in full at time of enrollment.

A Spring Attachment course can be taken as part of your spring semester course load (12-16 credits). Additional charges apply over 16 credits.

TuitionPay offers a spring-only monthly payment plan option. Payments may be spread over four months, and can be set up in November with the first payment due in December.

Call 1.800.635.0120 or visit www.tuitionpay.com for information.

Alternative loans information: www.marist.edu/financialaid

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Program Notes

» Program fees may change due to currency exchange fluctuations, and/or other unanticipated cost changes.
» Program fees are based on a minimum number of program participants.
» The MIP Short Term Program Coordinator will provide prospective participants with the program Refund Policy. Do not submit your application until you have reviewed the Refund Policy. Application submission indicates acceptance of the Refund Policy.
» All fees will be refunded if the program is cancelled.
» Graduating Seniors: Please note that students participating in a Spring Attachment course will be able to participate in the May Commencement Ceremony. The actual graduation date upon which your degree is conferred will be August 31, as your Spring Attachment coursework will not be completed until after the May 31 conferral date. Your diploma will be mailed to you in early September.
» MIP reserves the right to modify or cancel the program, including changes to the itinerary, scheduled visits, program dates, program costs, etc.

Application Deadline: November 13, 2015