HUM 399: Community Awareness - Theory and Engagement in the Dominican Republic

Santiago, Dominican Republic

Santiago, the second largest city in the Dominican Republic, is surrounded by mountains in the lush valley of the Cibao region. Places of historical, cultural, and ecological interest are nearby, and it is just a little over an hour's drive to the Atlantic Coast. Known as La Ciudad Corazón (City of the Heart), Santiago is the commercial and cultural center of the fertile Cibao Valley region, housing over 100 industrial free-trade-zone factories, the León Jiménez Cultural Center and cigar factory, and the lively commercial street of Calle del Sol. Although it is a growing city with a population exceeding 800,000, Santiago retains many features of a small town.



Why Go?

In order to effectively serve others, one must first have an awareness of the community they hope to serve, its culture, its needs, the challenges it faces and the resources available. Explore the foundational theories of community service in the Dominican Republic. Learn about the Dominican culture through cultural activities, excursions and workshops. Build relationships with community members and organizations based on commitment, participation and trust while engaging in community-based projects.



Program Overview

- HUM 399 Community Awareness
- 21 days, 20 nights in Santiago, Dominican Republic
- January 5, 2014 depart for the Dominican Republic
- January 25, 2014 depart from the Dominican Republic
- Price: \$3,750

What's Included?

- Local On-Site Director and Staff
- Hotel Accommodations (breakfast included)
- Homestay accommodations in rural village (4 nights)
- Airport transfers upon arrival and departure
- Welcome and Farewell Dinners
- All Meals (lunch and dinner)
- On-Site Program and Safety Orientation
- 24-Hour Emergency Contact

- International Medical Insurance
- Course Tuition (3 semester credits)
- Overnight Excursions
- Cultural Activities
- Entrance Fees
- Ground Transportation
- Guided Tours
- Program Evaluation

Academic Details

- Lynn University Credit
- On-Site Classroom Lectures
- Community Engagement Activities
- 5-day Service-Learning Project in rural village with local organization



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Service-Learning Project

- Five-day, four-night excursion to a rural village to perform service project (including all supplies, accommodations, meals, transportation, and community assistance)
- Homestay accommodations with community members (2 students per family)
- All meals included
- Supplies to build a basketball court included



Excursions*

Excursions are included in the program price and range from afternoon trips to day trips to overnight weekend excursions.

Santiago

- Five co-curricular site visits/workshops including transportation and entrance fees
 - Plantain art workshop at Arte a Mano
 - Scavenger Hunt
 - Baseball Game (winter league)
 - Visit to Centro Leon Museum and Cultural Center
 - Mask Workshop

Santo Domingo

- Overnight excursion including all transportation, accommodations, and entrance fees
 - o Zona Colonial
 - Catedral Primada de America
 - Fortaleza Ozama
 - Faro a Colón

27 Charcos de Damajagua

- Adventure tourism excursion including transportation, entrance fees and equipment
 - Cordillera Central mountain range
 - Hiking, climbing and exploring tropical forest
 - Swimming, repelling down waterfalls
 - Floating down river with life vest



^{*}All excursions and dates are subject to change