Spring Break Study Abroad Programs

March 14 to 20, 2016

College of Arts and Sciences

Overview

The College of Arts of Sciences began offering Spring Break Study Abroad Programs during spring semester 2015. We had five successful programs, averaging 10 students per program, and we are continuing it for the 2015-16 academic year. There are two types of programs: (1) those paired with a course and (2) those that stand alone.

Spring Break Study Abroad Programs Paired with a Course: A paired study abroad program supplements a course that the faculty member is teaching spring semester. For example, in 2015 two of the study abroad programs were paired: National Identities in Modern Japan was paired with a Japanese History course; Afro-Brazilian Culture and Politics was paired with an African-American Politics course. Students in a particular class are given priority for the study abroad program. To clarify, 90 students might be registered for a Japanese history course; 8 of those students might register for the paired study abroad program. The remaining 2 slots might be filled by students not taking the Japanese history course but who are interested in Japan.

A Non-Paired ("stand alone") Spring Break Study Abroad Program: A non-paired program stands on its own in the same way that Maymester or Summer Study Abroad Programs stand alone as courses. Three programs in 2015 were non-paired: Literary Dublin, British Women Writers, and Political and Economic Openings in Cuba.

What You Need to Know

Low cost

✓ Ideally program costs should be under $3000. To keep costs down, we encourage 6-9 day programs in the Caribbean, Latin American, and Europe.
✓ If a student has enrolled for 15 credit hours, the additional 3 credit hours will not increase the student's tuition or fees.
✓ If a student is on HOPE and has not reached 15 hours, the scholarship will cover the study abroad tuition.
✓ Students receive a $1000 scholarship from the study abroad office and a $500 scholarship from the College of Arts and Sciences. Their cost for a $3000 program would then be $1500.
✓ Students do not pay extra fees; they pay regular spring semester fees.
Registration

Students register for the study abroad course during registration for spring semester.

Structure

Spring Break Study Abroad Programs typically consist of:

- Pre-departure orientation
- Pre-departure course instruction
- Round-trip group flight
- On-site orientation
- 37.5 contact hours for 3 credit hour program (see credit hour policy on the College website under Connections).
- Combination of on-campus and on-site instruction to meet the credit hour requirements for a 3-credit course
- Field assignments and free time
- Final project

Timeline

- Now: Interested faculty need to contact Eric Friginal (efriginal@gsu.edu) or Justin Cade (jcade3@gsu.edu)
- September 15: Faculty submit completed Study Abroad Program Application to Justin Cade in the College.
- September 23: Agency and deposit accounts are created by the Study Abroad Office.
- October 12: Study Abroad Programs need to be in PAWS
- September through December: Promote programs.
- December 2: Deadline for student applications, registration and deposits.
- Dec. 2-15: College completes/submits scholarship information for study abroad funding
- December 15: Students pay full amount.
- January 11: Absolute deadline for final payments
- February and March: Conduct orientation sessions.
- Travel!!

Faculty may receive $2000 in site visit funding and $2000 in professional development funds or summer salary. Their study abroad expenses are covered by students’ program costs.

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