Argentina

Short-term Faculty-led Study Away Program  •  Summer Semester  •  May 17-23, 2015

Course Name: **Measuring and Enhancing Political Literacy and Feelings of Political Efficacy with Integrated Service-Learning (ISL)**

Course Number: **IDS 297**

Credit Hours: **3** undergraduate  

**Course Objectives**

The Rio Tercero Study Away May Intercession Program will provide interested students an opportunity to conduct research in conjunction with students and professors at IDES (Institute for Advanced Education) and city officials, including the Secretary of Education, the Mayor, City Council members and Rotary Club officials in Rio Tercero. The work will be supervised by Dr. Gary Rader in the Department of Political Science, and will focus on hands-on experience with IDES students to identify and measure levels of civic engagement and feelings of political efficacy at the local level. As an integrated service-learning study away course, students will conduct a series of survey experiments and interviews to measure the link between feelings of political efficacy and levels of literacy among students at IDES and public schools in Rio Tercero (data collection, supervised analysis and engaged collaboration with efforts to improve civic engagement constitutes the service-learning component). Students accepted to the program will be expected to bring insights from relevant major and elective courses to their efforts, and opportunities for the development of published research articles will be provided. Program participants will also benefit from visits and group interviews with prominent local political, policy and community leaders. Ample time for local sightseeing will be provided.

**Program Fee:** **$3,080**

**Program Fee Includes:** Round trip airfare, program-related in-country ground transportation, lodging, translator and guide, most meals, Study Away student fee, basic medical insurance; separated costs not available.

**Program Fee Excludes:** Passport, entrance fees, some meals, incidentals/misc personal expenses, and souvenirs. $612 MSU tuition for 3 hours of undergraduate credit. Both Missouri residents and non-residents pay the Missouri resident per-credit-hour tuition rate, per University policy.

**Online applications due February 6, 2015. A nonrefundable deposit of $465 will be billed to your student account.**

- Visit the Study Away website at international.missouristate.edu/studyaway/
- Choose Apply Now
- Search for a Program (under Apply for a Study Away Program)
- Choose Simple Search
- Type Argentina under Program Name
- Choose Measuring...Political Literacy
- Choose Apply Now

**Scholarship Eligibility & Financial Aid**

Students may apply for the College of Humanities and Public Affairs Study Away scholarship. Applications are due to the Study Away office by April 10, 2015. Please see the scholarship page on the Study Away website. Additionally, students who receive financial aid may apply aid to this program. Contact the Office of Financial Aid at 836-5262 for more information.

**Information Meetings:**

- **TBA**

**Application Due:**

- **February 6, 2015**

**Depart for Argentina:**

- **May 17, 2015**

**Depart for Springfield:**

- **May 23, 2015**

**Post-Travel Meeting:**

- **TBA**

**Interested in going?**

Contact the Program Director,

**Gary Rader, Ph.D.**

Per Course Instructor of Political Science

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Study Away!
This course seeks to meet the following course goals common to all IDS 297 courses; the General Education goals to which the course goals correspond are indicated.

1. To identify historical, social and cultural events that have shaped the Argentine identity and culture, as well as distinctive commonalities and differences between the culture of Rio Tercero and Springfield. (13.2)
2. To utilize knowledge from a variety of fields to become an educated participant in society. (12.3 + 13.1)
3. To obtain an understanding of current events and key issues and concerns facing society in both Rio Tercero and one’s own to become a better citizen. (12.4; 13.2)
4. To reflect on similarities and/or differences from their own culture’s perspectives on similar issues. (12.4 ; 13.1; 13.2)
5. To reflect on their interactions with individuals and institutions in the host culture. (13.3)

Assessment:
Each student will submit a portfolio addressing points 1 - 3 which will be assessed by the MSU faculty member leading the study away experience:
1. Student demonstrates and articulates an increased understanding of and respect for multiple cultural perspectives; submit a minimum of 4 observations;
2. Student articulates how the experience shaped his/her perspective about own and host culture;
3. Grammar reflects an educated person.


Application & Payment Procedures
Missouri State University students and others who are approved by the Program Director may apply.

MSU Students: A non-refundable deposit of $465 will be billed to your University account upon application (deadline Feb. 6, 2015). You will receive a second billing on March 6, 2015 and a final billing on April 3, 2015, for the balance of the program fee ($2,615). MSU course tuition ($612) will be billed to your University account separately and is due according to the university payment plan.

Visiting Students: A non-refundable deposit of $465 must be paid through the Study Away Storefront on or before Feb. 6, 2015. The balance of the program fee ($2,615) must be paid through the Study Away Storefront by April 10, 2015. MSU course tuition ($612) is also due by April 10, 2015 and must be paid at the bursar’s office or on-line through my.missouristate.edu.

In order to ensure participation in this Study Away program, each student must pay the entire program fee by April 30, 2015. Alternatively, a student may show proof of the financial aid that will pay for the fee. If a student does not pay the program fee, or does not show proof of financial aid that is sufficient to cover the fee, the student will be withdrawn from the Study Away program, dropped from the course, and his/her airline reservation will be canceled. Visiting students must also fully pay the tuition amount by April 30, 2015 in order to stay enrolled in the program. Estimated program fees are based on rates in effect on the publication date of this flyer and may be subject to change. Program participants agree to a potential increase of up to 10% if rates increase before or during travel.

Cancellation & Refund Policies
• Students who withdraw prior to April 6, 2015 will receive a refund of fees paid, less the $465 deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.
• If a student must withdraw after April 6, 2015 for a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the $465 deposit and non-refundable expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.
• Students withdrawing voluntarily after April 6, 2015 will receive no refund.
• When the program begins, no refunds will be issued under any circumstances.
• All notifications of withdrawal must be made in writing and sent to the Program Director and the Director of Study Away Programs at the Study Away Office, Jim D. Morris Center, Suite 403. Non-payment of fees does not guarantee withdrawal.