Short-term Faculty-led Study Away Program  •  Summer 2014  •  July 17-25, 2014

Course Name: Finding Yourself in Diversity: Self-Actualization, Interpersonal Skills, and Cultural Competence

Course Numbers: IDS 397/COU700

Credit Hours: 3 undergraduate/graduate

Course Overview & Objectives:

- Identify social, and cultural events that shaped Argentinean national identity and culture historically and today.
- Improve critical thinking, research, organizational, and presentational skills.
- Articulate their own values and increase their self-awareness in relationship while experiencing diversity in a culture outside of their own.
- Articulate how the Person-Centered Approach extends beyond geographical boundaries and embraces diverse perspectives.

Program Fee: $2,970

Program Fee Includes: Round-trip airfare, in-country land transportation, some meals, admissions fees, entrance to some cultural activities and events, conference registration, Study Away student fee and basic medical insurance.

Program Fee Excludes: Passport, ground transportation in Springfield, most meals, fees to enter Argentina (approx. $160 one time fee for multiple entries, good for 10 years) incidentals/misc personal expenses, and souvenirs. $612/741 MSU tuition for 3 hours of undergraduate/graduate credit. Both Missouri residents and non-residents pay the MO resident per-credit-hour tuition rate, per University policy.

Applications are due by March 21, 2014. A nonrefundable deposit of $450 will be billed to your student account. Please see Application & Payment Procedures for MSU and Visiting Students on reverse.

Scholarship Eligibility & Financial Aid

Students may apply for the College of Education Study Away scholarship. Applications are due to the Study Away office by April 11, 2014. 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.
Course Schedule & Itinerary
During the Spring semester 2014, the instructor will hold four 2 hour classes (prior to departure) and one 2 hour meeting after return. Additional classes will be provided during the trip by the instructor and/or in-country professionals. Dates and times will be determined in advance and will be made available to students upon registration.

PRE-TRAVEL MEETINGS
Dates and activities subject to change.

April 2014: Informational meeting; Intro to the Person-Centered Approach and the diversity conference themes; Take emotional intelligence questionnaire pre-test.

May 2014: Encounter group; identifying values and differences, and identify personalized, diversity, and interpersonal goals using the Personal Questionnaire-Goals Version (PQ)-Take PQ.

June 2014: What to expect in Argentina of self and others- Retake PQ.

July 2014: Preparations for travel- Retake PQ.

STUDY TOUR
Dates and activities subject to change

July 17, 2014: Depart Springfield.

July 18-19, 2014: Students will participate in various cultural activities.


POST-TRAVEL CLASS MEETING
Focus group regarding program evaluation and recommendations, reflection on the experience.

Course Credit & Requirements
Students will be graded based on the following scales:
- Participation Pre-Travel 25%
- Reflective Journals and Scale Completion 25%
- Reflective Final Project 50%
Students will collaborate with each other to create a final reflective project which incorporates various aspects of the trip. The projects may be in any form of media such as papers, pictures, artwork, video, music, etc., with prior approval from the instructor.

Required Text: Emotional Intelligence 2.0 by Travis Bradberry and Jean Greaves; ISBN: 978-0974320625

Application & Payment Procedures
Missouri State University students and others who are approved by a Program Director may apply. Instructions are included on the program application.

MSU Students: A non-refundable deposit of $450 will be billed to your University account upon application (deadline March 21, 2014). You will receive a second billing on April 25, 2014 and a final billing on May 23, 2014, for the balance of the program fee ($2,520). MSU course tuition ($612/741) will be billed to your University account and is due according to the university payment plan.

Visiting Students: A non-refundable deposit of $450 (check or money order) must accompany your application (deadline March 21, 2014). A check or money order for the balance of the program fee ($2,520) and MSU course tuition ($612/741) will be due by May 30, 2014.

IN ORDER TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION IN THIS STUDY AWAY PROGRAM, THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE PROGRAM FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 6, 2014. PAYMENT CAN BE MADE ONLINE OR AT THE BURSAR’S OFFICE. 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 June 6, 2014 will receive a refund of fees paid, less the $450 deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.
- If a student is forced to withdraw after June 6, 2014 for a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the $450 deposit and expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.
- Students withdrawing voluntarily after June 6, 2014, or withdrawing due to medical reasons not protected under the fees refund policy, receive no refund.
- Once the program has started, no refunds will be issued under any circumstances.
- All notifications of withdrawal must be made in writing and sent to the Program Director and Director of Study Away Programs at the Study Away Office, Jim D. Morris Center, Suite 403. Non-payment of fees does not guarantee automatic withdrawal.

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