Short-term Faculty-led Study Away Program  ●  Spring Break  ●  March 4-11, 2015

Course Name: **Interpersonal Effectiveness: An Interdisciplinary and Intercultural Career and Life Enrichment Course in Brazil**

Course Numbers: **IDS 297/COU 795**

Credit Hours: **3** undergraduate/graduate

**Course Objectives:**
This course will help students:

- identify strengths and weaknesses in their emotional intelligence, especially self and social awareness and self and relationship management through persons who are different from them.
- identify and improve personal and professional goals related to interpersonal and intercultural skills.
- develop fundamental and advanced skills in interpersonal and intercultural communication and self-awareness for a wide variety of personal and professional development goals.
- reflect upon interactions and prepare analyses of the interactions of their personal growth, theory and research, and cross-cultural experiences.

**Program Fee:** **$2,600**

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

**Program Fee Excludes:** Passport, ground transportation in USA, most meals, Brazilian visa, incidentals/misc personal expenses, and souvenirs. $612/$750 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.

**Online applications are due by November 7, 2014. A nonrefundable deposit of $390 will be billed to your student account.** To apply, please:

- 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 Brazil under Program Name
- Choose Interpersonal Effectiveness: An Interdisciplinary and Intercultural Career and Life Enrichment Course in Brazil
- Choose Apply Now

**Scholarship Eligibility & Financial Aid**
Students may apply for the College of Education Study Away scholarship. Applications are due to the Study Away office by November 14, 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.

Interested in going? Contact the Program Director, **Jeffrey Cornelius-White**, Professor, Counseling, Leadership, and Special Education
jcornelius-white@missouristate.edu

Informational Meeting:
TBD

Application Due:
**November 7, 2014**

Pre-Travel Meetings:
See Reverse

Depart Springfield:
March 4, 2015

Return to Springfield:
March 11, 2015

Post-Travel Meetings:
TBD

Final Project Due:
TBD

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Course Schedule & Itinerary
During the Spring semester 2015, 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.

January 19, 2015: Informational meeting; Passport check, travel needs and supplies discussed. Self-Assessment Assignment: due April 8-Emotional Intelligence Appraisal printout, Personal Questionnaire-Goals Version (PQ), and Relating to Diverse Others Assessment completed.

January 26, 2015: Encounter group; identifying values and differences, and identify personalized, diversity, and interpersonal goals using the Personal Questionnaire-Goals Version (PQ)-Take PQ. Assignment: Readings on Interpersonal Effectiveness and Cross-Cultural Interaction, weekly PQs, Headline News about Brazil and the state of Ceará

February 23, 2015: Last minute preparations. Assignments: International Student or Skype Interviews, Readings on Interpersonal Effectiveness and Cross-Cultural Interaction, weekly PQs.


STUDY TOUR
Dates and activities subject to change

March 4, 2015: Depart Springfield for Fortaleza.

March 5, 2015: University Medical School/Wheel of Life Institute (integrative medicine for persons with cancer) and/or elementary public and private school tours.

March 6, 2015: Local excursions (open air market, music/art event).

March 7-8, 2015: Shaman Stay – a cultural and multi-religious experience at a remote beach (Paripueira beach).

March 9-11, 2015: Anthropology, psychology, dance, and recreation related classes and research institutes from the University of Ceara and/or UNIFOR.

March 11, 2015: Return to Springfield.

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 35%
• Reflective Journals and Short Essays 55%

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.


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 $390 will be billed to your University account upon application (deadline Nov. 7, 2014). You will receive a second billing on Dec. 5, 2014 and a final billing on Jan. 16, 2015, for the balance of the program fee ($2,210). MSU course tuition ($612/$750) will be billed to your University account separately and is due according to the university payment plan.

Visiting Students: A non-refundable deposit of $390 must be paid through the Study Away Storefront on or before Nov. 7, 2014. The balance of the program fee ($2,210) must be paid through the Study Away Storefront by Jan. 16, 2015. MSU course tuition ($612/$750) is also due by Jan. 16, 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 February 13, 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 February 13, 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 Jan. 30, 2015 will receive a refund of fees paid, less the $390 deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.

• If a student must withdraw after Jan. 30, 2015 for a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the $390 deposit and non-refundable expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.

• Students withdrawing voluntarily after Jan. 30, 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.