**Course Name:** Nonverbal Communication in a Global Context  
**Course Numbers:** COM 325/698  
**Credit Hours:** 3  undergraduate/graduate

**Course Overview & Objectives:**  
This course allows MSU students to study at La Sabana University, an MSU partner campus in Bogota, Colombia. Students from MSU and La Sabana University will be enrolled in the same course. Part of the course will focus on cultural competency and the performing arts. Course objectives are as follows:  
1. Study nonverbal communication in a global context.  
2. Apply nonverbal communication research to cultural competency.  
3. Understand the importance of nonverbal communication related to international business.  
4. Create and present nonverbal communication research at La Sabana University.  
5. Develop cultural competency skills and performing arts appreciation in South America.

**Program Fee:** $3,250  
**Program Fee Includes:** Round-trip airfare, lodging, in-country land transportation, meals, tour fees/admission fees per itinerary, health insurance and Study Away fee. Separated costs not available.

**Program Fee Excludes:** Passport, incidentals/misc personal expenses, and souvenirs. 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 January 17, 2014.**  
A nonrefundable deposit of $485 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 Arts and Letters 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.

**Informational Meeting:**  
TBA

**Application Due:**  
January 17, 2014

**Spanish for Travelers (Optional):**  
May 1-9, 2014

**Pre-Travel Class Meetings:**  
May 9-10, 2014  
May 16-17, 2014

**Depart Springfield for Colombia:**  
May 21, 2014

**Depart Colombia for Springfield:**  
June 1, 2014

**Post-Travel Meeting:**  
June 2, 2014

**Interested in going?**  
Contact the Program Director,  
**Shawn Wahl,** Department Head,  
Professor of Communication Studies  
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Course Schedule & Itinerary

PRE-TRAVEL MEETINGS
Dates and activities subject to change.
May 1-9, 2014: MSU students will have the option to attend a “Spanish for Travelers” class led by Dr. Jason Jolley and Dr. Shawn Wahl.
May 9, 2014: Nonverbal COM readings and assignments: Chapters 1-6.
May 10, 2014: Nonverbal COM readings and assignments: Chapters 7-12.
May 16, 2014: Nonverbal Project Presentations and Exam: Chapters 7-12.
May 17, 2014: Nonverbal Project Presentations and Exam: Chapters 7-12.

STUDY TOUR
Dates and activities subject to change.
May 21, 2014: Travel day from Springfield, MO to Bogota, Colombia.
May 22, 2014: Arrive in Bogota; check into hotel.
May 23, 2014: Visit La Sabana University. Nonverbal COM lecture and application of course material to international context. Guest lectures by COM faculty at La Sabana. Tour of La Sabana newspaper and television facilities.
May 24, 2014: Visit La Sabana University. Nonverbal COM lecture and application of course material to international context. Guest lectures by COM faculty at La Sabana. Tour of School of Communication at La Sabana.
May 25, 2014: Bike tour of the city of Bogota, including museums, educational tours, and supervised cultural activities.
May 26, 2014: Food tour of Bogota. Guest lecture by MSU exploratory faculty members.
May 27, 2014: Visit La Sabana University library for research time and class visits.
May 29, 2014: Visit La Sabana University library for research time and class visits.
May 30, 2014: Visit La Sabana University. Nonverbal COM lecture and application of course material to international context. Guest lectures by COM faculty at La Sabana. Student presentations.
May 31, 2014: Visit La Sabana University. Nonverbal COM lecture and application of course material to international context. Guest lectures by COM faculty at La Sabana. Student presentations and reflection activities.
June 1, 2014: Return to Springfield, Mo.

POST-TRAVEL MEETINGS
Dates and activities subject to change.
June 2, 2014: Reflection papers due. Final research presentations.
June 3, 2014: Final research presentations.

Course Credit & Requirements
Students must fulfill the academic requirements of the course as outlined below:
- Examinations (prior to departure/see outline)
- Reflection Papers/Journals (will be due post return)
- Student Presentations (will be presented during study away experience)
- Final Research Presentations (will be due post return)


Assessment of learning: Students will receive a letter grade based upon their participation in all facets of the course.

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 $485 will be billed to your University account upon application (deadline Jan. 17, 2014). You will receive a second billing on Feb. 14, 2014 and a final billing on March 14, 2014, for the balance of the program fee ($2,765). MSU course tuition will be billed to your University account and is due according to the University payment plan.

Visiting Students: A non-refundable deposit of $485 (check or money order) must accompany your application (deadline Jan. 17, 2014). A check or money order for the balance of the program fee ($2,765) and MSU course tuition will be due by April 25, 2014.

IN ORDER TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION IN THIS STUDY AWAY PROGRAM, THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE PROGRAM FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 9, 2014. PAYMENT CAN BE MADE ONLINE OR AT THE BURSAR’S OFFICE.

Cancellation & Refund Policies
- Students who withdraw prior to April 4, 2014 will receive a refund of fees paid, less the $485 deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.
- If a student is forced to withdraw after April 4, 2014 for a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the $485 deposit and expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.
- Students withdrawing voluntarily after April 4, 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.