Course Name: **Project Limón- FIMRC**  
Course Numbers: **BMS 400**  
Credit Hours: **4** undergraduate  

**Course Overview:**  
This program partners with the MSU campus chapter of the **Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children (FIMRC)** [www.fimrc.org](http://www.fimrc.org). Through this partnership, students volunteer their time and skills to support FIMRC’s mission of providing access to medical care to millions of underprivileged and underserved children around the world. Fellows will work out of our pediatric clinic located in the Casa de Refugio of Las Salinas. You have the opportunity to work not only with our staff, but also local government healthcare workers. Project work will include a combination of clinically focused programs, as well as community outreach, and school-based initiatives.

**Program Fee:** $6,155  

**Program Fee Includes:** Roundtrip airfare, Study Away student fee, basic medical insurance, and $4,936 FIMRC participation fee.*

**Program Fee Excludes:** Ground transportation in Springfield, passport, incidentals/misc personal expenses, and souvenirs. MSU tuition for 4 hours ($816) of undergraduate credit. Both Missouri residents and non-residents pay the MO resident per-credit-hour tuition rate, per University policy.

Applications are due by March 31, 2014. A nonrefundable deposit of $185 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 Natural & Applied Sciences 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.

*The FIMRC participation fee ($4,936) covers ground transportation, lodging, meals and volunteer related activities in Nicaragua. Students pay this fee directly to FIMRC, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to improving pediatric and maternal health in the developing world through the implementation of innovative and self-sustainable health improvement programs. A portion of the FIMRC program fee may be tax deductible.*
Course Objectives
Project Limón provides a unique experience for volunteers, all of whom contribute to the current needs and initiatives on-site. The remote, tropical environment allows for volunteers to truly immerse themselves in a small, picturesque community. Whether you’re giving a training on reproductive health to local schoolteachers, teaching diabetics how to test their blood sugar, or spending the afternoon taking vital signs in the clinic, your efforts allow us to better serve the residents of Limón and the surrounding communities.

All volunteers have the opportunity to participate in both the clinical and health education aspects of operations on-site, and activities can range from participating in home visits for pregnant women to observing the pediatrician.

Over the course of your trip you’ll receive an unfiltered experience in health care field work abroad, and learn about the tremendous impact that even one person can have. At our end, so as to maximize your contribution, we will tailor your experience based on current needs, your interests, training, and amount of time that you spend with us on-site in Limón.

Student Course Objectives:

- Students will recognize the ways in which different social justice perspectives and cultural worldviews will manifest in their work as health care providers.
- Students will recognize the capacity to lead and collaborate in interdisciplinary teams.
- Students will demonstrate preparation and development of fund-raising skills to support health care initiatives in Nicaragua.
- Students will actively engage in the development of public health initiatives and community health organizations in Nicaragua.
- Students will apply academic and disciplinary knowledge and personal experiences to address societal problems.
- Students will recognize their capacity to lead in community or work settings.
- Students will engage in activities directly benefiting either the University Community or the civic community.
- Students will identify the rights and responsibilities of citizenship in a democratic society.

Course Credit & Requirements
Evaluation of the student will be conducted by the faculty member and will be based upon participation in and completion of all academic requirements for the course. Grades will be based on 90 – 100% = A, 80 – 89% = B, 70 – 79% = C, 60 – 69% = D, <59% = F and will be determined as follows:

Daily Reflective Log/Reflection to match itinerary: 30%, Due: Due July 2, 2014. This journal is available as a free download Word document at http://www.missouristate.edu/casl/148211.htm.

NOTE: Students must use the MSU Service-Learning Reflection Journal; no credit will be given for a non-MSU log book or journal. The completed journal must be submitted by the Program Director and/or FIMRC coordinator prior to submission.

PowerPoint Presentation of Experience upon return: Scheduled in August, coordinated with other FIMRC groups. Presentations will be 15 minute PowerPoint Presentations prepared in groups of 1, 2 or 3 students depending on the total size of the group. Presentations in August, time TBD: Students will deliver their presentations to the group relating experiences in Nicaragua upon return. These presentations will also be open to other faculty, students, staff and other visitors and will emphasize the learning experiences of the trip.

Discussion and Participation in all activities: 30%, verified with trip logs and itinerary. Using Trip Log from Service Learning signed by Community Partner/chaperone. Due: July 2, 2014. No credit will be given for a non-MSU trip log. Due July 2, 2014; Daily Reflective log to match travel itinerary and report on healthcare disparities

Required texts: None.