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

Course Number: **IDS 397/COU 700**

Credit Hours: **3** (undergraduate/graduate)

Course Overview & Objectives:

This course is designed to help students identify strengths and weaknesses in their emotional intelligence, especially self and social awareness, and self and relationship management. It involves interactions with people who are different from one's self and working to identify and progress with personal and professional goals related to interpersonal and intercultural skills.

The course will provide intercultural engagement with international participants, representing 20-40 countries. This engagement will allow students to reflect upon interactions to enhance personal growth and understanding of theory and research.

Program Fee:**$3,199**

**Program Fee Includes:** Round-trip airfare, lodging, conference registration fee, most meals, Study Away student fee, basic medical insurance, and access to private and/or public beaches; separated costs not available.

**Program Fee Excludes:** Passport, ground transportation in Springfield, some meals, incidentals/misc personal expenses, and souvenirs. $601.44/726.00 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 28, 2013. A nonrefundable deposit of $480 will be billed to your student account. Please see Application & Payment Procedures for MSU and Visiting Students on reverse.

Scholarship Eligibility & Financial Aid

Study Away scholarship funds in variable amounts up to $2,000 are available to students studying abroad during winter intersession 2013, spring 2013, and summer 2013 terms. The scholarship is need-based for full-time, degree-seeking students with a minimum 3.0 GPA applying for an approved Study Away program. This may be a semester, summer, or short-term faculty led program offered during the terms listed above. Students must complete the application by February 19, 2013 to apply funds to this program.
Course Schedule & Itinerary

PRE-TRAVEL MEETINGS

March 4, 2013: Review class syllabus, check passports and travel needs, discuss travel itinerary, and receive the Self-Assessment Assignment (Emotional Intelligence Appraisal printout, Personal Questionnaire-Goals Version (PQ), and Relating to Diverse Others), due April 8, 2013.

April 8, 2013: Get to know each other, passport/travel supplies check, cooperating for learning exercises, and readings on Interpersonal Effectiveness and Cross-Cultural Interaction, weekly PQs, and headline news about Brazil and the state of Ceara.

May 6, 2013: Cooperating for learning exercises, last minute travel preparations, international student or Skype interviews, and readings on Interpersonal Effectiveness and Cross-Cultural Interaction, and weekly PQs.

May 13, 2013: Cooperating for learning exercises, questions and final preparations, a Critical Reflection Notebook entry, and weekly PQs.

STUDY TOUR

May 22-23, 2013: Depart Springfield for Fortaleza, Brazil. Greeted by local university professors and students.

May 24-25, 2013: Morning meeting, daily excursions (open air market, music/art event), meetings with students from local university, dinner and/or free time.

May 26 - June 1, 2013: International Communication Forum attendance

Typical Forum Schedule (Generic-Actual Schedule not Formulated yet)

7-9 a.m. Breakfast and Free Time
9-12 p.m. Community Meeting
12-1 p.m. Lunch
1-3 p.m. Small Groups
3-6 p.m. Presentations & Free Time
6-7 p.m. Cultural Event
7-9 p.m. Dinner
9-10 p.m. Community Meeting

June 1-2, 2013: Depart Brazil for Springfield

POST-TRAVEL

June 7, 2013: Projects due.

Course Credit & Requirements

Evaluation will be based on participation in and completion of all academic requirements, as follows:

- Exams, quizzes and activities associated with the pre- and post-travel sessions
- Reflection journal
- Class discussion and participation

Assessment of Learning

Course grade will be determined as a combination of performance, a final paper and presentation, and reflection journal.

- Participation 10%
- Self-Assessment 35%
- Reflection Journal 35%
- Short Essay 20%

Required Text: Reaching Out: Interpersonal Effectiveness and Self-Actualization, David W. Johnson.

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 $480 will be billed to your University account upon application (deadline Jan. 28, 2013). You will receive a second billing on Feb. 22, 2013 and a final billing on March 29, 2013, for the balance of the program fee ($2,719). MSU course tuition ($601.44/726.00) will be billed to your University account and is due according to the university payment plan.

Visiting Students: A non-refundable deposit of $480 (check or money order) must accompany your application (deadline Jan. 28, 2013). A check or money order for the balance of the program fee ($2,719) will be due by March 29, 2013. MSU course tuition ($601.44/726.00) will be billed to your University account and is due according to your payment plan.

IN ORDER TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION IN THIS STUDY AWAY PROGRAM, THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE PROGRAM FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2013. 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 April 12, 2013 will receive a refund of fees paid, less the $480 deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.
- If a student is forced to withdraw after April 12, 2013 or a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the $480 deposit and expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.
- Students withdrawing voluntarily after April 12, 2013, 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.
- This program may be cancelled if enrollment is fewer than 11 participants. In this event, MSU students will receive a full refund.