



Nicaragua

Short-term Faculty-led Study Away Program • Summer • June 1-29, 2014

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. 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.*

Informational Meeting (attend 1):

April 1, 3:00 p.m. PROF 405

April 8 3:00 p.m. PROF 405

Application Due:

March 31, 2014

Pre-Travel Meetings:

TBA

Depart Springfield for Nicaragua:

June 1, 2014

Depart Nicaragua for Springfield:

June 29, 2014

Post-Travel Meetings:

TBA

Interested in going?

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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 be able to speak 20 words/phrases in Spanish prior to departure.
- Students will demonstrate preparation and presentation of one educational health topic to Nicaraguan families, with the assistance of an interpreter.
- Students will demonstrate active participation in some of the following while participating in the FIMRC organization clinics; assist doctors in examination rooms recording vital signs; such as body temperature, pulse rate, and blood pressure for each patient, as well as being able to perform house-visits with nurses and their patients.
- Students will be able to discuss in a report the disparities between Nicaraguan Healthcare in comparison to the healthcare in the United States.

Public Affairs Objectives:

Cultural Competence:

- Students will effectively examine the relationships between their own cultural background and social identities and their belief systems.
- Students will demonstrate a clear sense of their own identity in relation to social justice.
- Students will recognize the ways in which history, geography, language, religion, and culture have contributed to the complexity and diversity of contemporary global society.

- Students will recognize and differentiate among diverse worldviews and will understand the ways in which those views have been expressed in speech, writing, action and the arts.
- Students will interact effectively and respectfully with people from diverse backgrounds and cultures and will be able to work through conflicts with civility.

Community Engagement:

- 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 signed 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.

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. Students will pay FIMRC fees (\$4,936) directly to FIMRC; see university billing procedures below. *Please note that, while Spanish fluency is not required, any level of comprehension will be useful in communicating with the host families, medical staff and, especially, patients.*

MSU Students: A non-refundable deposit of **\$185** will be billed to your University account upon application (deadline March 31, 2014). You will receive a final billing on April 30, 2014, for the balance of the program fee (\$1,034). 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 **\$185** (check or money order) must accompany your application (deadline March 31, 2014). A check or money order for the balance of the program fee (\$1,034) and MSU course tuition will be due by May 16, 2014.

IN ORDER TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION IN THIS STUDY AWAY PROGRAM, THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE PROGRAM FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 16, 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 April 30, 2014 will receive a refund of fees paid, less the \$185 deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.
- If a student is forced to withdraw after April 30, 2014 for a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the \$185 deposit and expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.
- Students withdrawing voluntarily after April 30, 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.