

# Nicaragua



## Short-term Faculty-led Study Away Program • Winter Intersession • January 3-11, 2014

Course Name: **Study Away Nicaragua**

Course Numbers: **CSD 492/792**

Credit Hours: **2** (undergraduate or graduate)

### Course Overview & Objectives:

This course is designed to bring students and Nicaraguan communities together in a mutually beneficial experience. Student participants will provide hearing and speech services to children and adults in rural areas and have the opportunity to become familiar with cultural practices other than those commonly observed in the U.S.

Through this course, participants will

- Enhance their understanding of the language, culture and customs of individuals living in rural Nicaragua
- Expand their knowledge of regional and cultural differences with regard to elementary education and health care systems in a developing nation
- Gain experience administering screenings for communication disorders
- Build mutually beneficial relationships between Missouri State University and Nicaraguan village schools

**Program Fee: \$1,800**

**Program Fee Includes:** Airfare, ground transportation, lodging, meals, translators, field trip expenses, insurance, tips and Study Away student fee. Separated costs not available.

**Program Fee Excludes:** MSU tuition for 2 hours of undergraduate or graduate credit (\$408/\$494); misc. personal expenses.

**Applications are due by September 16, 2013.**

A **nonrefundable deposit of \$270** 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 Health & Human Services Study Away scholarship. Applications are due to the Study Away office by November 22, 2013. 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:**

September 6, 2013 - 12:00 p.m.

**Application Due:**

Monday, September 16, 2013

**Pre-travel Class Meetings**

September 24, 2013

October 15, 2013

November 5, 2013

December 3, 2013

**Depart Springfield for Nicaragua:**

January 3, 2014

**Post-travel Meeting, Papers Due:**

January 20, 2014

### Interested in going?

Contact Dr. Letitia White or Dr. Lisa Proctor for more info.

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## Course Purpose & Activities

Familiarity with non-American customs, cultural beliefs and the effect of socioeconomic status is crucial for the continued growth of individuals preparing for careers in health care and education.

In this course, students will develop their cultural competence—the ability to understand and effectively interact with people of a different culture—while gaining practical experience administering hearing and speech services to an underserved population in rural Nicaragua.

Pre-travel class meetings and in-country activities will provide an overview of Nicaraguan culture, language and regional topography, as well as first-hand knowledge of education and health care in a developing nation.

This course strives to enhance each student's understanding of community and social responsibility within our global society. In addition to providing a framework for personal and professional growth, a study away experience such as this may improve a participant's marketability upon graduation.

## Course Schedule & Itinerary

### Informational Orientation:

Overview of course and logistics (lodging, transportation, expenses, what to bring, etc)

### Pre-travel Class Meetings:

September 24, 2013

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December 3, 2013

Review syllabus, course expectations and assignments, introduction to Nicaraguan history, culture, language, and other issues.

### Depart Springfield:

January 3, 2014 for Managua, Nicaragua

### Meetings and Field Trips:

Field trips will include coastal areas and a volcano, as well as Nicaraguan villages.

### Depart Managua:

January 11, 2014 for Springfield

### Post-travel Meeting

January 21, 2014 Journals, papers, and presentations due.

## Course Credit & Requirements

This course will be offered to undergraduate and graduate students at Missouri State University during Winter Intersession 2014 as a 2 credit hour course. To receive credit, students must fulfill the following academic requirements:

- Attend scheduled meetings before, during and after the program
- Attend all lectures, presentations and relevant educational excursions provided during the program
- Participate fully in assigned activities
- Participate in a post-travel focus group to share feelings about the program and discuss strengths/weaknesses, potential improvements for future programs, etc.
- Be able to count and say/understand 20 words/phrases in Spanish
- Maintain a daily reflection journal during the program
- Organize, write and present a 4- to 5-page report on personal and professional observations and development resulting from the course

The class will meet four times at Missouri State University before departure and will convene each day in Nicaragua. Prior to travel, participants will receive background information on the sites where the hearing and speech services will be conducted, as well as on culturally accepted behaviors and dress of the Nicaraguan people. Students will also be provided with a complete itinerary, a list of items to pack, and a review of safety and conduct during the program.

**Required Text:** No text required.

**Assessment of learning:** There will be no exams for this course. Participants will complete daily journal entries and prepare a reflection paper to be presented at the post-travel class meeting.

## 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 \$270 will be billed to your University account upon application (deadline Sept. 16, 2013). You will receive a second billing on Oct. 18, 2013 and a final billing on Nov. 15, 2013, for the balance of the program fee (\$1,530). MSU course tuition (\$408/\$494) will be billed to your University account and is due according to the university payment plan.

**Visiting Students:** A non-refundable deposit of \$270 (check or money order) must accompany your application (deadline Sept. 16, 2013). A check or money order for the balance of the program fee (\$1,530) and course tuition (\$408/\$494) will be due by November 15, 2013.

**IN ORDER TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION IN THIS STUDY AWAY PROGRAM, THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE PROGRAM FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRI., DEC. 16, 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 Nov. 28, 2013 will receive a refund of fees paid, less the \$270 deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.
- If a student is forced to withdraw after Nov. 28, 2013 for a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the \$270 deposit and expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.
- Students withdrawing voluntarily after Nov. 28, 2013, or withdrawing due to medical reasons not protected under the fees refund policy, receive no refund.
- Once the program has started, students withdrawing receive no refund under any circumstances.
- All notifications of withdrawal must be made in writing and sent to the Program Director and to Elizabeth Strong at the Study Away Office, Jim D. Morris Center, Suite 403. Non-payment of fees does not guarantee automatic withdrawal.
- Any plans by a participant not to travel and return with the group must also be submitted in writing to the Program Director and the Study Away Office.