

Nicaragua



Short-term Faculty-led Study Away Program • Winter Intercession • January 5-12, 2013

Course Name: **Study Away
Nicaragua**

Course Numbers: **CSD 492/792**

Credit Hours: **1** (graduate or undergraduate)

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

Estimated Cost: **\$1,825**

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

Excludes: MSU tuition for 1 hour of undergraduate or graduate credit; misc. personal expenses.

Nonrefundable deposit due with application by Sept. 7, 2012: \$275
(will be billed to your student account)

Balance due Nov. 9, 2012: \$1,550

Scholarship Eligibility & Financial Aid

Study Away scholarship funds in variable amounts up to \$2,000 are available to students studying abroad during winter intercession 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 October 15, 2012 to apply funds to this program.

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Informational Meeting:

Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2012 - 7-8:30

Application Due:

Friday, September 7, 2012

Pre-travel Class Meetings

Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2012 - 7-8:30 PM

Monday, Oct. 22, 2012 - 7-8:30 PM

Monday, Dec. 10, 2012 - 7-8PM

Depart Springfield for Nicaragua:

Saturday, January 5, 2013

Post-travel Meeting, Papers Due:

Monday, January 21, 2013

7-8:30 PM

Interested in going?

Contact Communication Sciences and Disorders 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:

Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2012 - 7-8:30 PM

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

Saturday, January 5, 2013

Depart Springfield:

for Managua, Nicaragua

Meetings and Field Trips:

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

Depart Managua:

For Springfield

Monday, January 21, 2013

Post-travel Meeting

Journals, papers, and presentations due.

Course Credit & Requirements

This course will be offered to undergraduate and graduate students at Missouri State University during Winter Intercession 2013 as a 1 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 three 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: A textbook is not 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 \$275 will be billed to your University account upon application (deadline Sept. 7, 2012). You will receive a second billing on Oct. 5, 2012 and a final billing on Nov. 9, 2012, for the balance of the program fee (\$1,550). MSU course tuition (200.48/\$242.50) will be billed to your University account and is due according to the university payment plan.

Visiting Students: A non-refundable deposit of \$275 (check or money order) must accompany your application (deadline Sept. 7, 2012). A check or money order for the **balance of the program fee (\$1,550) will be due by Nov. 9, 2012.** MSU course tuition (\$200.48/\$242.50) 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 FRI., DEC. 14, 2012. 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. 30, 2012 will receive a refund of fees paid, less the \$275 deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.
- If a student is forced to withdraw after Nov. 30, 2012 for a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the \$275 deposit and expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.
- Students withdrawing voluntarily after Nov. 30, 2012, 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.
- The program will be cancelled if enrollment is fewer than 11 participants. In this event, students will receive a full refund.