Short-term Faculty-led Study Away Program • Spring Break • March 6-14, 2015

Haiti

Program Fee: $1,600

Program Fee Includes: Round-trip airfare, lodging, ground transportation, program fees, some meals, program activities, book, visits and tours per itinerary, overnight safari, cell phone rental, Study Away student fee, and basic medical insurance; separated costs not available.

Program Fee Excludes: Passport, ground transportation in Springfield, some meals, incidentals/misc personal expenses, and souvenirs. $612 MSU tuition for 3 hours of undergraduate credit. Both Missouri residents and non-residents pay the MO resident per-credit-hour tuition rate, per University policy.

Online applications are due by January 16, 2015. A nonrefundable deposit of $240 will be billed to your student account. To apply, please:
• Visit the Study Away website at international.missouristate.edu/studyaway/
• Choose Apply Now
• Search for a Program (under Apply for a Study Away Program)
• Choose Simple Search
• Type Haiti under Program Name
• Choose Agriculture and...Haiti (ISL)
• Choose Apply Now

Scholarship Eligibility & Financial Aid
Students may apply for the School of Agriculture Study Away scholarship. Applications are due to the Study Away office by November 14, 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.

Interested in going?
Contact the Program Director:
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Course Schedule & Itinerary

Itinerary subject to change.

PRE-TRAVEL

**TBA:** Explain educational programming and student responsibilities. Begin with demographics and poverty in Haiti. Pre-test. Small group exercise. Creole words/phrases.

**TBA:** Pre-colonial to post-revolutionary history. Small group exercise.

**TBA:** Adaptation of practices to include appropriate crops (varieties) to meet nutritional and income needs, as well as support family choice in produce. Climatic factors.

**TBA:** Techniques and practices for dry and rainy season agriculture. Micro- and macro-climate and their effect on crop choice and location.

**TBA:** Customs, currency, regulated articles, cultural competence. Review packing list and expectations for travel and housing.

STUDY TOUR

**March 6-7, 2015:** Travel by van/limo to Tulsa Airport. Stay at LaQuinta Inn near airport. Free shuttle for Sat., 6:15 am flight to Port au Prince. Leave immediately for Pignon.


**March 9-12, 2015:** Travel to village and meet with families and understand their goals/desires. Develop garden plan and construct plantings with families and discuss cultivation, irrigation, harvest, and replanting.

**March 13, 2015:** Afternoon travel to Cap Hatiens. Reflection.

**March 14, 2015:** Depart for U.S.

POST-TRAVEL

**TBA:** Presentations from students. Post-test. Complete remainder of local service learning with approved organization.

**TBA:** Evaluation and recommendations. To assess the integration of the service-learning portion of this course, a CASL staff member will also attend this meeting. The evaluation results will assist your instructor in the further development of this course, especially as it relates to the service-learning project. Results are provided to the instructor after the grades are submitted to the Registrar's Office.

Course Credit & Requirements

Students must fulfill the following academic requirements (parts A-D are pass/fail; E-J are graded):

A. Attend scheduled meetings before, during, and after the trip.

B. Complete at least 5 hours of cross-cultural service learning in the USA. At least two hours must be completed before the trip.

C. Attend all lectures, presentations, and relevant educational excursions provided during the trip.

D. Participate fully in assigned activities.

E. Participate in a post-trip focus group to share your feelings about the trip, discuss strengths/weaknesses, improvements for future trips, etc.

F. Be able to count, and say and understand ≥ 20 words/phrases in Creole prior to departure.

G. Organize, write and present a 5 to 8 page report on their personal and professional observations and development.

H. Maintain a daily reflection journal during the trip.

I. Individually (or in small groups as required by course enrollment) prepare and lead one small group educational exercise to complement lecture-based material (for pre-trip meetings).

J. Complete a pre- (not graded) and post-trip (graded) examination.

Evaluation: Expected tasks are listed above in the Brief Outline of Course section. Several tasks are “pass/fail” (i.e. failure to complete these tasks well will result in a failing grade for the course). Assuming successful completion of the “pass/fail” components, the course grade will be determined as a combination of performance on examinations, a final paper and presentation, and reflection journal.

- Language examination 10%
- Educational exercise 10%
- Final examination 20%
- Written report 20%
- Presentation 20%
- Journal 20%

**Required text:** *Agricultural options for small-scale farmers* (ECHO, 2012; $20). Required reading from sources such as university extension, FAQ, ECHO, and various other academic, governmental, and NGO sources will be made available via pdf for student download/printing.

Application & Payment Procedures

Missouri State University students and others who are approved by the Program Director may apply.

**MSU Students:** A non-refundable deposit of $240 must be paid through the Study Away Storefront on or before Jan. 16, 2015. The balance of the program fee ($1,360) must be paid through the Study Away Storefront by Feb. 16, 2015. MSU course tuition ($612) is also due by Feb. 16, 2015 and must be paid at the bursar’s office or on-line through my.missouristate.edu.

**Visiting Students:** A non-refundable deposit of $240 must be paid through the Study Away Storefront on or before Jan. 16, 2015. Alternatively, a student may show proof of the financial aid that will pay for the fee. If a student does not pay the program fee, or does not show proof of financial aid that is sufficient to cover the fee, the student will be withdrawn from the Study Away program, dropped from the course, and his/her airline reservation will be canceled. Visiting students must also fully pay the tuition amount by February 16, 2015 in order to stay enrolled in the program. 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 Feb. 20, 2015 will receive a refund of fees paid, less the $240 deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.

- If a student must withdraw after Feb. 20, 2015 for a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the $240 deposit and non-refundable expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.

- Students withdrawing voluntarily after Feb. 20, 2015 will receive no refund.

- When the program begins, no refunds will be issued under any circumstances.

- All notifications of withdrawal must be made in writing and sent to the Program Director and the Director of Study Away Programs at the Study Away Office, Jim D. Morris Center, Suite 403. Non-payment of fees does not guarantee withdrawal.